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APNewsBreak: BofA delays foreclosures in 23 states

In this Sept. 14, 2010 photograph, dual locks are on the front door of empty house in Homestead, Fla., to prevent entry into the foreclosed home. Lenders took back more homes in August than in any month since the start of the U.S. mortgage crisis, foreclosure listing firm RealtyTrac Inc. said Thursday, Sept. 16, 2010.

Associated Press

By ALAN ZIBEL,
AP Real Estate Writer

WASHINGTON – Bank of America is delaying foreclosures in 23 states as it examines whether it rushed the foreclosure process for thousands of homeowners without reading the documents.

Bank of America isn't able to estimate how many homeowners' cases will be affected, Dan Frahm, a spokesman for the Charlotte, N.C.-based bank, said Friday.

The move adds the nation's largest bank to a growing list of

mortgage companies whose employees signed documents in foreclosure cases without verifying the information in them.

Two other companies, Ally Financial Inc.'s GMAC Mortgage unit and JPMorgan Chase, have halted tens of thousands of foreclosure cases after similar problems became public.

A Bank of America official acknowledged in a legal proceeding in February that she signed up to 8,000 foreclosure documents a month and typically didn't read them. The Associated Press obtained the document Friday.

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Violent protests after Dutch outlaw squatting



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AMSTERDAM (AP)

— More than 100 people protesting the outlawing of squatting at unused buildings in the Netherlands clashed with police in Amsterdam's

historic center late Friday, throwing stones, setting fires and erecting barricades.

Police said early Saturday that 11 protestors were arrested, and two police, three police horses and an unknown number of demonstrators suffered minor

injuries. Local television station AT5 broadcast footage of police with batons battling squatters in narrow streets and allies, with the protestors throwing rocks and setting off fireworks.

AT5 published a photo of one young woman with a mohawk haircut being escorted away by a police officer while bleeding from a head wound.

Squatting is the latest pillar of the country's liberal institutions — such as legal prostitution and cafes that openly sell marijuana — to be abolished or curtailed as the Dutch become more conservative and rethink the boundaries of their famed tolerance.

In Amsterdam, the epicenter of the movement known in Dutch as "kraken," or "breaking," several hundred squatters had demonstrated peacefully during the day against the new law that makes their way of life punishable by up to one year in prison.

By nightfall, some began throwing rocks at police and overturning cars. Police attempted to disperse large groups on two streets by carrying out charges.

By mid-evening an Associated Press eyewitness saw squatters using metal fences and piles of bicycles to block one of the city's bridges amid a haze of tear gas.

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Mighty rains deluge cars, close roads in Northeast



LEVITTOWN, N.Y. — Torrential downpours from a faded tropical storm inundated the Northeast on Friday, forcing evacuations, toppling trees, cutting power to thousands and washing out roads during a snarled morning commute. Water pooled so deeply in a Philadelphia suburb that a car literally floated on top of another car. Hard rain began falling in Boston early Friday afternoon as the city braced for the sustained rains that have

plagued the Eastern Seaboard over the last two days. The deluge was blamed for five deaths in North Carolina on Thursday and a sixth in Pennsylvania on Friday a woman who apparently drove her car into a rain-swollen creek before daybreak. The storm soaked a great swath of the Northeast by the Friday morning commute, including New York City and Philadelphia. Flights coming into LaGuardia Airport in New York City were delayed three hours and traffic coming into Manhattan was delayed by up to an hour under a pounding rain. Firefighters in the Philadelphia area used a ladder truck to pull residents through the upper-floor windows of a building. Cars were submerged up to their windows, and a graphic artist found another vehicle floating atop his car. “I’m a little frustrated, but what can you do? This is just nature,” said the artist, 33-

year-old Ismail Dibona. Rainfall totals in the Philadelphia area topped 10 inches. Parts of upstate New York had unofficial totals of more than 6 inches of rain and New York City’s Central Park recorded 3.08 inches. “My drive to work was a nightmare today,” said Paul Schatz, a paralegal in New York’s Long Island. “On the way I saw a huge flood and two cars in the flood. All I could see of the two cars were the roofs. So it was really a nightmare. Every road I took was closed.” More than 26,000 power outages were reported in Connecticut, while New Jersey had just over 14,000 homes and businesses without electricity. More than 12,000 customers in the New York suburbs had lost power, but many had been restored by midmorning as the deluge reduced to a drizzle. Investigators in southeastern Pennsylvania believe the crash

victim may have veered off the road in Collegeville because flood waters obscured her view of the edge of the road, said Trooper John Dorazio. The area is isolated and dark, Dorazio said, and the woman may have simply come upon water she didn’t know was there. Massachusetts was in line for a soaking as the storm began making its way across New England on Friday. The torrential downpours and high winds struck the Berkshires early in the morning and were expected to hit the Boston area by midday. A flood watch was in effect for much of the state. Forecasters say winds could gust up to 60 mph. The storm hit the Berkshires in western Massachusetts hard Friday morning but without the high winds that could have stripped trees of leaves during fall foliage season, said Lauri Klefos, the president of the Berkshire Visitors Bureau in Adams. □



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Mich. assistant AG's anti-gay blog free speech?

LANSING, Mich. — An assistant attorney general is using his personal blog to target the openly gay leader of the University of Michigan's student assembly, calling him a racist with a "radical homosexual agenda." The lawyer claims that when he's not at work, he has the right to say whatever he wants.

But the vociferous criticism has raised questions of just how far a civil servant can go, and whether Andrew Shirvell's online attacks which include putting a swastika over a gay pride flag in a photo of 21-year-old Chris Armstrong should affect his job.

So far, Attorney General Mike Cox says no. Cox called Shirvell immature and his blog posts "distasteful," but said he has the right to free speech. But Cox said he was troubled that the 30-year-old lawyer videotaped police breaking up a party at Armstrong's off-campus home in Ann Arbor over Labor Day weekend.

"Part of the video is being outside this young man's house at 1:30 on a Sunday

morning. Clearly, I wouldn't recommend that to any state employee to be doing," Cox told The Associated Press on Thursday. "That being said ... it's not something where I can walk in one day and say, 'I don't like what he has on there, let's broom him.' He has First Amendment protections."

Shirvell went on personal leave Thursday and is subject to a disciplinary hearing when he returns, Cox spokesman John Sellek said Friday. Personnel rules restricted Sellek from saying if Shirvell was on leave because of the outcry.

Shirvell posted the video on his blog, called Chris Armstrong Watch, which he began in April. In the Sept. 5 posting, he accused Armstrong of hosting the party with the intent to "liquor-up underage freshmen and promote homosexual activity in an effort to recruit them to the homosexual lifestyle."

Shirvell has repeatedly called on Armstrong to resign. He has criticized Armstrong's friends and put their Facebook postings on his blog.

The university on Thursday banned Shirvell from campus, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 2002, saying he was targeting the elected student body president "in a reprehensible manner."

"As a community, we must not and will not accept displays of intolerance," President Mary Sue Coleman said in a statement.

Shirvell didn't respond to phone and e-mail messages Thursday from the AP. But he told CNN on Tuesday that he regards his anti-Armstrong push as a political campaign, not a personal attack.

"This is just another tactic bringing awareness to what Chrisreallystandsfor," Shirvell said. "The substance of the matter is, Chris Armstrong is a radical homosexual activist who got elected partly funded by the Gay and Lesbian Victory Fund to promote a very deeply radical agenda at the University of Michigan. ... I'm a Christian citizen exercising my First Amendment rights."

Denis Dison, spokesman for the Washington-based



organization, denied that the fund donated money to Armstrong's campaign earlier this year. Dison said Armstrong, who was an intern with the fund two summers ago, told him about Shirvell's actions and he urged him to report Shirvell to police.

"It sounded like it was getting a little strange," Dison said. "I think everyone thinks it has crossed the line."

"If I'm a gay person living in Michigan, this does not instill confidence that the attorney general's office has my best interests at heart," he added. "It's surprising that you would

keep an employee who would damage the credibility of the work that you're trying to do in the state."

Armstrong has applied in Ann Arbor for a personal protection order, Sellek said. A hearing is scheduled for Monday.

Armstrong didn't respond Thursday to e-mail and phone messages. He has publicly said little about Shirvell or the blog. During a student assembly meeting Monday, he said he wouldn't "succumb to any unwarranted attacks," according to The Michigan Daily newspaper.

Shirvell was an intern with

US apologizes for 1940s STD study in Guatemala

information and was hidden for decades.

The government researcher who led the work in Guatemala also was involved in this country's infamous Tuskegee experiment, where from 1932 to 1972 scientists tracked 600 black men in Alabama who had syphilis but didn't know it, without ever offering them treatment.

"We are outraged that such reprehensible research could have occurred under the guise of public health," Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said of the Guatemalan project Friday.

White House press secretary Robert Gibbs said President Barack Obama had been briefed about the situation and planned to call Guatemala's president, Alvaro Colom. "Obviously this is shocking, it's tragic, it's reprehensible," Gibbs said. "It's tragic and the U.S. by all means apologizes to all those who were impacted."

Strict regulations today make clear that it is unethical to experiment on people without their consent and require special steps for any work with such vulnerable populations as prisoners. But such regulations didn't exist in the 1940s.

The U.S. government ordered two independent investigations to uncover exactly what happened in Guatemala and to make sure current bioethics rules are

adequate. They will be led by the prestigious Institute of Medicine and the Presidential Commission for the Study of Bioethical Issues.

And while deliberately trying to infect people with serious diseases is abhorrent today, the Guatemalan experiment isn't the only example from what National Institutes of Health Director Dr. Francis Collins on Friday called "a dark chapter in the history of medicine." Forty similar deliberate-infection studies were conducted in the United States during that period, Collins said.

In Guatemala, 696 men and women were exposed to syphilis or in some cases gonorrhea, through jail visits by prostitutes or, when that didn't infect enough people, by deliberately inoculating them, reported Wellesley College historian Susan Reverby. Those who were infected were all offered penicillin, but it wasn't clear how many were infected and how many were successfully treated.

She reported that the U.S. had gained permission from Guatemalan officials to conduct the study, but did not inform the experimental subjects.

Reverby's work was first reported by NBC News. She uncovered the records of Dr. John Cutler, a prominent government scientist of the 1940s, while researching the Tuskegee experiment for a recent book. □



WASHINGTON — American scientists deliberately infected prisoners and patients in a mental hospital in Guatemala with syphilis 60 years ago, a recently unearthed experiment that prompted U.S. officials to apologize Friday and declare outrage over "such reprehensible research."

The U.S. government-funded experiment, which ran from 1946 to 1948, was discovered by a Wellesley College medical historian. It apparently was conducted to test if penicillin, then relatively new, could prevent infection with sexually transmitted diseases. The study came up with no useful

Rahm's gone: New day, new tone for the White House



Outgoing White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel wipes his eye as he announces his departure from the West Wing in the East Room of the White House in Washington, DC. Emanuel will be stepping down as chief of staff to run for mayor of Chicago.

By **BEN FELLER,**
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WASHINGTON — Reshaping the tone and tenor of the White House, President Barack Obama on Friday replaced the colorful and caustic Rahm Emanuel with the private Pete Rouse as his chief of staff, shifting to a new phase of his presidency with a drastically different aide as trusted gatekeeper.

Emanuel's decision to quit the White House and run for Chicago mayor had been so well known that even Obama mocked the lack of suspense. But it still felt like the most important transition to date for the Obama operation, which has been fueled for nearly two years by Emanuel's demands, drive and discipline. At an emotional farewell, Obama said, "We are all very excited for Rahm, but we're

also losing an incomparable leader of our staff." Emanuel choked up as he said his goodbye.

Into the breach steps Rouse, an Obama senior adviser known around the White House as a problem-fixing, media-shy strategist and organizer. Rouse is expected to serve as interim chief for several months and may eventually get the permanent job, as the White House is in the midst of reviewing a broader shake-up. Considered the most consuming and influential staff job in American politics, the chief of staff shapes nearly everything at the White House — how the president spends his time, how he pursues his strategies on foreign and domestic policy, how he deals with a politically deadlocked Congress and a skeptical electorate.

Distinctive, profane and combative in his approach, Emanuel was a bruising but successful manager often known simply as "Rahm." The jarring contrast between the outgoing and incoming chiefs of staff was on full display as Obama spoke of both men in the grand East Room, which was packed with staff members.

Emanuel waved to colleagues, whispered to his children in the first row and stood familiarly with his hands on hips, as if ready to get going. Rouse was quiet and stoic except for the occasional smile. He

almost seemed to shy away into the background even as Obama lauded his skills and his results.

"It's fair to say that we could not have accomplished what we've accomplished without Rahm's leadership," Obama said. The president singled out Emanuel's work on signature health care and financial reform legislation, hugged him more than once and told his audience: "I will miss him dearly."

Emanuel choked up when his turn came. He spoke of his family's immigrant background, the opportunities he's been afforded, his pride in Obama.

"I want to thank you for being the toughest leader any country could ask for," Emanuel told his boss.

In a nod to the political sensitivities of Emanuel's move, he never directly mentioned that he was running for mayor, and Obama didn't touch that, either. Emanuel, sure to be cast as an outsider by his competitors in the upcoming mayoral campaign, did not want to announce his run from Washington.

Instead, referring to the Chicago that both he and Obama call home, Emanuel said: "I'm energized by the prospect of new challenges, and eager to see what I can do to make our hometown even greater."

He is expected to formally announce his bid in the coming

days, already the biggest name in a crowded race.

As for the more introverted Rouse, Obama joked: "Pete has never seen a microphone or a TV camera that he likes." Indeed, Rouse never spoke. He is not expected to become a public face of the administration or do the activities he has long avoided — appearing on the Sunday talk shows or attending political dinners.

He will move into Emanuel's giant corner office, though, and command the job of keeping the staff focused on Obama's directives. A veteran of Capitol Hill politics, Rouse offers Obama continuity and comfort, having served as his Senate chief of staff, campaign adviser and resident White House fixer.

Valerie Jarrett, one of Obama's senior advisers, put it this way: "When I walk into a room and see Pete, I feel better. And everybody else does, too."

Still, within the building, the confidence in Rouse came packaged with a sense that Obama had lost a leader.

Emanuel's biting words could get him in trouble. And his preference for results over ideology made him a sometimes hated figure for Obama's liberal base of supporters, especially when it became known that Emanuel was pushing a piecemeal approach on health care reform. (Obama trumped him on that.) □



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The official, Renee Hertzler, said in a deposition in a Massachusetts homeowner's bankruptcy case that she signed 7,000 to 8,000 foreclosure documents a month.

"I typically don't read them because of the volume that we sign," Hertzler said.

She also acknowledged identifying herself as a representative of a different bank, Bank of New York Mellon, that she didn't work for. Bank of New York Mellon served as a trustee for the investors holding the homeowner's loan.

Hertzler could not be reached for comment.

A lawyer for the homeowner in the case, James O'Connell of Fitchburg, Mass., said such problems are rampant throughout the industry. "We have had thousands, maybe hundreds of thousands of foreclosures around the country by entities that did not have the right to foreclose," O'Connell said.

The disclosure comes two days after JPMorgan said it would temporarily stop foreclosing on

more than 50,000 homes so it could review documents that might contain errors. Last week, GMAC halted certain evictions and sales of foreclosed homes in 23 states to review those cases after finding procedural errors in some foreclosure affidavits.

After GMAC's announcement, state attorneys general in California and Connecticut told the company to stop foreclosures until it proves it's complying with their state laws. The Ohio attorney general this week asked judges to review GMAC foreclosure cases.

And in Florida, the state attorney general is investigating four law firms, two with ties to GMAC, for allegedly providing fraudulent documents in foreclosure cases.

In some states, lenders can foreclose quickly on delinquent mortgage borrowers. But 23 states use a lengthy court process for foreclosures. They require documents to verify information on the mortgage, including who owns it. Florida, New York, New Jersey and Illinois are the biggest states with this process. □

Mich. mom accused of faking son's cancer arraigned

ROSEVILLE, Mich. — An unemployed Detroit-area mother accused of drugging and shaving her healthy 12-year-old son so he appeared to have cancer, then accepting thousands of dollars in donations for his treatment, was arraigned Friday on charges of fraud and child abuse.

A Roseville district court judge ordered Carol Lynn Schnuphase, 47, of Warren, held on \$100,000 bond.

"A mother, no less, goes so far as to shave the head every other week, shave the eyebrows, and maybe the worst thing of all, to crushing up drugs to put in his applesauce to make him appear lethargic," said Macomb County Prosecutor Eric Smith.

A hospital has tested the boy and declared him cancer-free, although he was going through opiate withdrawal, Smith said. Authorities haven't yet determined what drugs were in the boy's system and are awaiting hospital test results.

Court records indicate Schnuphase told her son he had leukemia.

Authorities say Schnuphase elicited donations from individuals, groups and members of at least one church who believed they were helping to pay for her son's medical care as he underwent chemotherapy.

Smith said she received \$7,500 from a church fundraiser, in addition to other donations, and that her son was given gifts including an Xbox video game system.

"People, out of the goodness of their hearts, seeing what they think this poor child is going through have given cash, given an Xbox, given presents trying to lift his spirits," Smith said. "This poor child, thinking all along that he is dying of cancer. It never ends; the shock."

The charade appears to have started in December, and eventually Schnuphase's family members and relatives of her deceased husband reported her to police.

After authorities removed the boy from her home earlier this summer, Schnuphase told

past donors her son had died and that she needed money for his funeral and burial, Smith said.

"We see greedy people all the time and people scamming for money all the time, but we never see it to this level," he added.

"It appears as though the money is for the same thing all of us spend our money on: car payments, food, housing,"

Smith said. "There appear to be no gambling debts or anything else. This appears to be just a mindless greedy action."

Schnuphase was arrested Thursday after visiting the boy, who is in foster care, defense lawyer Dominic Greco said.

"They grabbed her after they had made arrangements with her to turn herself in today," he said. □



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Masked squatters demonstrate in the centre of Amsterdam, Netherlands, Friday, Oct. 1, 2010. A law banning "squatting" in unused buildings has come into force in the Netherlands, Friday, and several hundred people are taking to the streets to protest against the new law that makes their way of life punishable by up to one year in prison.

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An AP photographer saw police using bulldozers and water cannons in an attempt to clear the streets lining the city's ancient canals of such barricades and to quench fires set in piles of rubbish.

"Of course we're going to resist: resisting is part of what we do," said a young English-speaking woman at a "squat," or occupied building, next to the Amstel River, ahead of Friday's protest. She identified herself only as Lilo.

Most squatters decline to give their full names both for philosophical reasons and to avoid trouble with police or immigration authorities.

A study published this year by Amsterdam's Free University estimated the number of squatters at roughly 1,500 in the Dutch capital, a city of 750,000. Amsterdam Mayor Eberhard van der Laan says he plans to gradually empty the city's remaining 200 squats.

"Here and there squatting definitely causes problems for a neighborhood," he

said, but until now it has been seen mostly as a civil dispute between owners and occupants.

Beginning Friday, building owners can argue that squatters are breaking the law, the mayor said. That would "bring us to take action, where in the past we might not have done anything."

City officials said no major evictions are expected Friday, however.

Amsterdam and other Dutch cities remain unusually liberal, even by European standards, but they have gradually moved away from their free-for-all attitudes. Prostitution is legal but has become more regulated, and Amsterdam has shuttered one-third of its brothels. The number of

marijuana cafes is declining amid new restrictions to distance them from schools. Squatting gained public sympathy after World War II during a time of severe housing shortages and anger at real estate speculators. A Supreme Court ruling in 1971 found that entering an unused building is not trespassing. The thinking was that it was humane, or at least pragmatic, not to evict poor or homeless people living in a building that was not being used.

Yet that view changed as the Netherlands grew more prosperous and more sympathetic to business — and today the sentiment often runs against the squatters' antiestablishment world view. "Once squatting was maybe a romantic thing for people to do, but now they have children and jobs. Things have changed," said Amsterdam city councilman Frank van Dalen.

These days most squatters are migrants from eastern and southern Europe "who want a cheap place to live," he said. Van Dalen is a member of the pro-business VVD party, which has been a vocal opponent of both squatting and immigration. The VVD will lead the next Dutch coalition government, which may take office as early as next week. Backed by the anti-Islam Freedom Party of populist politician Geert Wilders, the new administration is likely to further tighten restrictions on immigration — particularly from Muslim countries.

At the squatted building

on the Amstel, a former fire department office, the squatters — most from other countries — argue against the perception that they just want a parasitic lifestyle.

"The people who are willing to come to a foreign city, with no place to live — to me these are very valuable people, brave people," says Marek Griks, a Polish man who drives a cab part-time and lives at a different squat with his daughter.

He says squatters bring a positive and creative impulse to Amsterdam.

A man from eastern Europe with dreadlocks known as "Muppet" says squatting will continue long after the ban. In his six years in Amsterdam, he has stayed as little as 16 hours in one squat and as long as 2 1/2 years in another.

"I think everything is going to change. It's going to become more of a political struggle again. Not about living for free," he said.

Historically, squatting has provided an alternative to mainstream Dutch lifestyles and has acted as a wellspring for leftist activism. It reached a peak on April 30, 1980, the day of Queen Beatrix's accession to the throne. Thousands of squatters and sympathizers fought riot police throughout Amsterdam, trying to disrupt her coronation. Their motto: "No housing, no crowning."

The economic boom of the 1990s saw an expansion of construction and signaled the beginning of the movement's end. For the past decade, Amsterdam has been emptying squatted buildings at an ever-accelerating pace.

Property owners have also found their own ways to combat squatting, letting "anti-squatters" move into buildings they planned to leave empty in exchange for extremely low rents and ironclad guarantees to leave when asked.

Still, affordable housing remains a huge problem. Van Dalen says the city now plans to convert unused office buildings into low-rent housing. Asked if that wasn't what squatters have always demanded, he said no.

"There's a crucial difference between low-rent and free," he noted. □



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Ecuador revolt: Attempted coup or uprising?

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QUITO, Ecuador (AP) — It was the biggest test of Rafael Correa's nearly 4-year-old presidency, a bloody trial by fire for a tenacious politician whose popular government had brought relative calm to a chronically unstable country. The Ecuadorean leader called the police revolt, which left three dead, dozens injured and briefly paralyzed this Andean nation, a coup attempt. Not an outlandish claim for a country that had eight presidents in 10 years before Correa won office.

Correa's kindred leftist presidents, Hugo Chavez of Venezuela and Evo Morales of Bolivia, even accused the United States of pulling the strings behind the insurrection at an emergency meeting of South American leaders on Friday in Buenos Aires, Argentina.

But skeptical analysts said Thursday's tumult appeared instead to be a revolt that

spiraled out of control by hundreds of modestly paid police officers protesting cuts in benefits.

"You can't dismiss the possibility that some opposition figures knew about it and supported it. But if it was a coup attempt, it was hugely amateurish," said Adam Isacson of the liberal Washington Office on Latin America think tank.

Analysts also tended to agree that Correa, a U.S.- and European-educated economist, emerged strengthened from the first violent challenge to his presidency in a traditionally volatile country of 14 million with a long history of short-lived governments and of meddling by Washington.

The armed forces high command stood by Correa, as did his most powerful political rival — and governments in the region of every political stripe.

As life quickly returned to normal across Ecuador on Friday, Correa spoke by phone for 10 minutes with

U.S. Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton, who "encouraged an ongoing, rapid and peaceful restoration of order," said Clinton's spokesman, P.J. Crowley.

He said the two agreed "to continue to work together to strengthen Ecuadorean institutions and the rule of law." Correa, 47, had ended Thursday triumphant, addressing supporters from the terrace of the presidential palace after his rescue in a hail of gunfire from the hospital where he'd been trapped for 10 hours by the insurrectionist cops. Correa has a temper, and lost it in a tense standoff at a Quito police barracks with scores of jeering police rebels who were taking part in the blitzkrieg nationwide strike, in which several hundred troops also shut down Ecuador's two biggest airports.

"If you want to kill the president, here he is! Kill me if you want to! Kill me if you are brave, instead of hiding in the crowd like cowards!" Correa taunted the hostile



A boy gestures in front of soldiers at the surroundings of the government palace in Quito, Ecuador, Friday, Oct. 1, 2010. Ecuador is under a state of siege, with the military in charge of public order, after soldiers rescued Ecuador's President Rafael Correa from a hospital where he'd been surrounded by police who roughed him up and tear-gassed him earlier.

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crowd, loosening his slate-blue tie and thrusting out an unprotected chest.

Minutes later, the unruly police penetrated his light security detail and roughed him up. Pelted by water and fainting from tear gas — his right knee pounding from an operation last week — Correa was lifted over a wall and onto the grounds of the hospital.

Merely showing up at the barracks, said Correa's former

security minister Gustavo Larrea, "was like throwing gasoline on a fire. It elevated the tone of the conflict and, what's more, they took him hostage there. Because had he not gone, nothing would have happened."

Correa became trapped in the hospital, surrounded by hundreds of renegade cops who beat back with tear gas Correa loyalists trying to come to his aid. □

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This image provided by Robin Macey shows balloonists Carol Rymer Davis, left, and Richard Abruzzo launching for the Gordon Bennett gas balloon race at Bristol, England, on Saturday Sept. 25, 2010. Abruzzo and Davis were participating in the 54th Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon Race when contact was lost Wednesday morning, Sept. 29, 2010, over the Adriatic Sea.

Associated Press

**NICOLE WINFIELD
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Associated Press Writers

BARI, Italy (AP) — Two missing American balloonists plunged toward the Adriatic Sea at 50 mph and likely didn't survive, race organizers said. Flight director Don Cameron said Friday that high rate of

descent, if confirmed, leads him to be "very pessimistic" about the fate of veteran pilots Richard Abruzzo and Carol Rymer Davis.

Abruzzo, 47, of Albuquerque, New Mexico and Davis, 65, of Denver, Colorado, were participating in the 54th Gordon Bennett Gas Balloon

U.S. balloonists plunged at 50 mph, likely dead

Race when contact was lost Wednesday morning in rough weather over the Adriatic Sea. Race organizers said the balloon "appears to have suffered a sudden and unexpected failure."

"It's very bad news," Cameron said.

Cameron said he received information Friday from Zagreb's air traffic control indicating the balloon was at 5,300 feet and descended slowly at first but then at a rate of 50 mph until 600 feet.

"At this rate of descent to the surface, survival would be unlikely," the race organizers said in a statement.

Cameron stressed that the Croatian readings were from the outer limits of its radar zone, though, and said he hoped they were incorrect.

"It's the only shred of hope," he said, adding that he expects

to confirm the data with Italian air traffic controllers in Brindisi, on the other side of the Adriatic, on Saturday.

The Italian coast guard, the U.S. Navy and Croatian coastal aircraft crews have been scouring the area around Croatia's distant, uninhabited islet of Palagruza.

Abruzzo works as part of a prominent family business in Albuquerque that is involved in real estate and operations of the Sandia Peak tramway, Sandia Ski Area and Ski Santa Fe. Richard Abruzzo's involvement focuses on ski area management.

Davis is a radiologist who specializes in reading breast mammograms.

The Abruzzo name is synonymous with ballooning. Abruzzo is the son of famed balloonist Ben Abruzzo, who was in 1981 part of the first

team to cross the Pacific Ocean by balloon, and who was killed in a small airplane crash in 1985.

The younger Abruzzo and Davis won the 2004 edition of the Gordon Bennett race and the 2003 America's Challenge gas race — one of Abruzzo's five victories in that race.

Abruzzo's wife, Nancy, was in Bari at coast guard headquarters on Friday monitoring the search effort. She said her husband had made a final radio transmission saying that he was preparing to ditch in the sea.

"We have every reason to believe that with his final transmission to air traffic that he would have had enough, you know, an adequate amount of time to prepare for an emergency sea landing which, you know, they are very prepared for," she said. □



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Car bombs kill 8, mar Nigeria 50th ceremony

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ABUJA, Nigeria (AP) — Two car bombs exploded Friday as Nigeria celebrated its 50th independence anniversary, killing at least eight people in an unprecedented attack on the nation's capital by militants from the oil-rich southern delta region.

The attacks claimed by the Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta came as President Goodluck Jonathan and other dignitaries sat only a 10-minute walk away.

The bombings raise new questions about political stability and security in Africa's most populous nation as it approaches a critical presidential election and remains one of the world's top crude oil suppliers.

The militant group issued a warning to journalists about an hour before the attacks, telling people to stay away from festivities at Eagle Square in the nation's capital of Abuja. It blamed Nigeria's government for doing nothing to end the unceasing poverty in the delta as the nation receives billions of dollars from oil revenue.

"There is nothing worth celebrating after 50 years of failure," the group's statement read. "For 50 years, the people of the Niger Delta have had their land and resources stolen from them."

The group said the explosive devices had been planted by "operatives working inside the government security services."

Police Minister Adamu Waziri said that eight people had been killed and 18 others wounded in the attacks.

The car bombings seemed designed to lure first-responders and then kill them with a second blast. Five minutes after the first vehicle exploded, the second went off, a police officer told an Associated Press reporter at the scene. At least one of the dead was a policeman, the officer said. The officer spoke on the condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to reporters.

A Nigerian Red Cross spokesman said his group transported 38 wounded people to local hospitals, where doctors desperately needed blood for transfusions. Inside Eagle Square, an AP reporter heard a small explosion before members of the military paraded in front of the gathered dignitaries. A security agent was seen lying on the ground afterward, though the militant group later denied placing any explosives inside the venue.

The anniversary ceremony continued without interruption. Afterward, Jonathan's office issued a statement condemning the "wicked and dastardly" attack.

"The president wants these families to know that their loved ones have not died in vain," the statement read. "Rather they have paid the supreme price for our unity; and in their death, they have watered the tree of our freedom."

It added: "To those behind these vicious acts, the president wants you to know that you will be found, and you will pay dearly for this heinous crime."

The militant group later acknowledged that it knew allowing the second car bomb to detonate would put passers-by at risk. However, it faulted Nigerian officials for ignoring the warning before the bomb blasts.

"The blame goes to the Nigerian authorities and our message to the families of those who may have been affected is that we deeply regret any loss of life," a statement issued Friday afternoon to the AP read.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta has destroyed oil pipelines, kidnapped petroleum company workers and fought government troops since 2006. Violence in the delta drastically subsided after a government-sponsored amnesty deal last year provided cash for fighters and the promise of job training. However, many ex-fighters now complain that the government has failed to fulfill its promises.



The militant group appeared to splinter over the amnesty program, though it proved its operational abilities in March when it detonated two car bombs near a government building in the Niger Delta where officials were discussing the deal. The blasts wounded two people in an attack heard live on television. The group also used car bombs in several attacks in 2006 that killed at least two people.

Friday's attacks come a day after the group said security agencies in South Africa raided the home of its former leader Henry Okah. Okah was freed from a Nigerian jail in July 2009 after the nation's attorney general dropped the treason and gun running charges against him. He later moved to Johannesburg.

The militant group said investigators raided Okah's house after the Nigerian

government "sent a false petition claiming Okah planned to overthrow the government and other claims." Police in South Africa could not confirm any raid took place at Okah's home.

The United States condemned the bombings. In Washington, State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley told reporters Friday that the attack "affirms the importance of Nigeria's upcoming election." □

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Jean Carlo for an interview and photos. Super!

While they were talking inside the Cas di Glas, the team of dancers and singers of the wonderful D'licious show was practising their dance steps. The song 'I had the time of my Life' was practised and it looked cool indeed, even in the sweltering afternoon heat in front of the Renaissance Marketplace. Showtime for the Zissles cast is on Saturday evening, so do not miss that! The other two photos show life coach Petra van den Berg with deejay 101 and Siomara after her interview about losing weight and making choices and minister of public health Richard Visser during his interview, in which he stressed the importance of eating healthy, exercising and taking care of yourself, body and soul. □



Ban Uni Man Pa Cria Nos Muchanan

The Radisson Makes Generous Donations



PALM BEACH – The executive committee of the Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa with General Manager Rob Smith convened at the resort's 8th floor Plaza Club for a check presentation.

The recipient of the funds, a local not-for-profit-foundation, Ban Uni Man Pa Cria nos Muchanan, was represented by its President John Fun.

Fun relates that the foundation started in 2002 with the goal of identifying school kids who for various social or economic reasons do not have any breakfast sent from home in the morning.

The idea was to provide them with a sandwich and a drink via a network of volunteers.

Research, Fun reiterates, shows that kids' concentration and focus improves with breakfast and the group spearheaded by the Horacio Oduber hospital workers, set up a foundation designed to feed those kids under the name: Lets Join Hands to Raise our Children.

They started with just about 138 elementary school children, and today, almost a decade into the initiative 604 local school children at 40 island-wide schools enjoy a sandwich each morning, courtesy of this grass-root organization.

Radisson Aruba Resort Casino & Spa was the second local company to come on board, right from the very start, Fun explains. With voluntary salary deductions of as little as Awg 2.50, Radisson's social-conscious employees collect a significant amount of money each month and transfer it automatically to the foundation's account.

In addition, periodically, the company orchestrates corporate charity fund drives to help generate additional resources, which was the case this week, when Ban Uni Man Pa Cria nos Muchanan received an extra Awg 17,453.77 from the resort.

Also attending the check presentation Director of Human Resources Glenn Farro, Director of Operations Robert Curtis, Director of Finance Raymond Habibe and Director of Engineering Marciano Geerman.

Fun concludes that it takes about Awg 20,000 a month to keep the project alive, and during some months the foundation struggles staying afloat but somehow always pulls through with donations from the community and the service clubs, such as Kiwanis and the Aruba Way Foundation.

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ORANJESTAD - Saturday is Kids Day at Cas di Glas, the place to be this weekend. The day starts off healthy with a zumba class for everyone, young and old, by super Dwayne Wever. This is followed by a fun day for kids with a Dino Jump, a trampoline, wall painting, arts & crafts, balloon creations, face painting and free cotton candy and popcorn.

Wow! The clowns of the Clown Doctors will be present and they will be kids with the kids for sure!

What more to expect? Well, there are demonstrations of Tang sa Do demonstration and Abado Capoeira and the Pachanga Kids will show what dancing looks like. Afterwards there will be music, music and music, with Impaq, Juan Carlo Luces, Tsunami, Zissles (a show preview of the D'licious dancers), terrific Diviano & Mulato and Roots i Riddim.

Sunday is filled to the brim as well, with Zumba, T'ai chi, Swing Masterz, Honey Pot, Aruba Salsa show, Next Level, Youth Extreme, Transformerz, Time Bandits, Lincoln Ward, Scarlet and, as the real, true show stopper, internationally acclaimed Intwine.

Please remember that on Sunday, at 6 pm, the deejays inside the Cas di Glas will be released and after that the amount of money donated will be announced. We are not there yet, not by far, so please donate your contribution for the mobile breast cancer screening unit to Aruba Bank 450.000 in the name of Cas di Glas. For more information on the Cas di Glas event you can watch channel 49 (live) or via www.casdiglas.com. ☐



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Divi Hosts Fun Sports Week



ORANJESTAD – Divi Resorts associates have been competing in various sports areas this week as the company’s annual Sports Week unfolds, reports Sharenda S. Clarinda

Human Resources Coordinator for Divi & Tamarijn Beach Resorts.

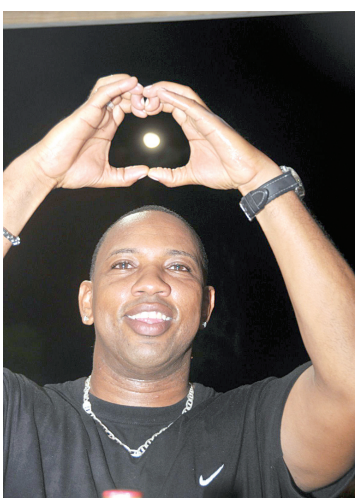
On the program of popular recreational activities Bowling, Volleyball, Indoor Soccer, Brain Gymnastics in the form of a trivial pursuit quiz, Domino and Softball.

True to the saying mens sana in corpore sano, a healthy mind in a healthy body, Divi Resorts has been keeping the level of social and recreational exchange, up.

In our pictures some fun moments from the Centro Di Bario Tanki Leendert where the activity took place. □



Giovanni Trim celebrates Birthday with music



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in Seroe Blanco. Giovanni together with his family and friends each took turns with the microphone to bring cheer to the celebration.

Everyone enjoyed lots of snacks and libations till the wee hours of the morning. Giovanni is the former owner of Grammy's Karaoke Club

and can be found several nights a week performing at Aruba's resorts.

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Speakers at the “Aruba Goes Green” conference included: Mr. Mike Eman, Prime Minister of Aruba, Former US Vice President Al Gore, Dr. Edward Cheung, NASA, Professor Wubbo Ockels, Technical University of Delft, H. Van Nispen, CEO of KEMA USA Bryan Ashley, Suniva, Inc. □

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Saturday, Manning about to share NFL history

MICHAEL MAROT

AP Sports Writer

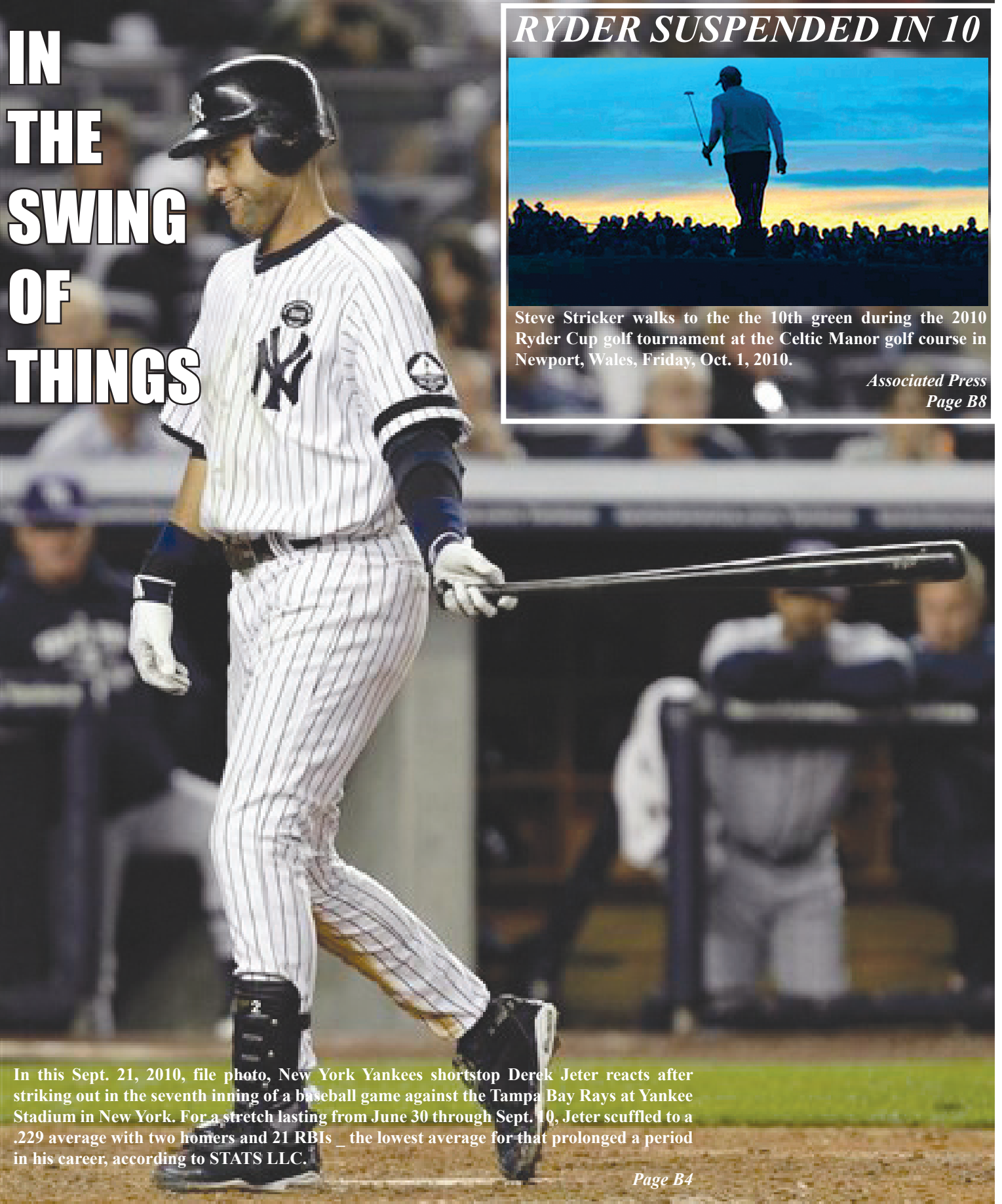
INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Indianapolis Colts president Bill Polian always considered Buffalo Bills greats Jim Kelly and Kent Hull the model NFL quarterback-center combination. Peyton Manning and Jeff Saturday just perfected the blueprint. On Sunday, the two Colts that Polian paired are expected to set a new record for most career starts together (158), breaking a tie with the two Bills that Polian put together when he was general manager in Buffalo. Coincidence? No.

“I’m not sure how much the general public realizes what leadership roles Kent and Jeff have played, but they’ve convinced me that you can’t have a championship team without a great center,” Polian said. “Once it became pretty clear we were going to get Peyton, we wanted to use the Buffalo experience here.”

Polian never deviated, and instead implemented almost an exact replica of the plan he used to build four AFC champion teams in Buffalo. Hull signed with the Bills as a free agent out of the old United States Football League, was an outspoken leader in the locker room and a three-time Pro Bowl selection who rarely missed a start. Saturday joined the Colts as a free agent after spending one season away from the game, emerged as the Colts’ voice with the NFL Players Association, and has been to four Pro Bowls. The similarities don’t stop there.

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IN THE SWING OF THINGS



In this Sept. 21, 2010, file photo, New York Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter reacts after striking out in the seventh inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays at Yankee Stadium in New York. For a stretch lasting from June 30 through Sept. 10, Jeter scuffled to a .229 average with two homers and 21 RBIs — the lowest average for that prolonged a period in his career, according to STATS LLC.

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RYDER SUSPENDED IN 10



Steve Stricker walks to the the 10th green during the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor golf course in Newport, Wales, Friday, Oct. 1, 2010.

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NFL Preview: Phickle Philly Phans welcome back McNabb

Washington Redskins quarterback Donovan McNabb pulls his helmet on in the tunnel before an NFL football game against the Dallas Cowboys in Landover, Md., on Sunday, Sept. 12, 2010.

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In this Oct. 25, 2009, photo, Indianapolis Colts quarterback Peyton Manning (18) gets set to receive the snap from center Jeff Saturday during an NFL football game against the St. Louis Rams in St. Louis. The four-time MVP quarterback and four-time Pro Bowl center are set to break a record this weekend in Jacksonville—most games played by a tandem in NFL history.

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NFL HISTORY

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While Kelly and Andre Reed were helping to make the no-huddle offense chic, they were also earning the title of greatest quarterback-receiver tandem in league history — a title they held until Manning and his cast made the no-huddle a way of life.

Manning and Marvin Harrison eventually shattered the records of Kelly and Reed, and this weekend, on the same day Manning and Saturday are expected to pass Kelly and Hull, Manning and Reggie Wayne are likely to surpass Kelly and Reed for second all-time in combined yards. Manning and Wayne have 9,507 yards; Kelly and Reed are at 9,538; Manning and Harrison finished with 12,766.

Those who have followed the Bills and Colts are not surprised things turned out this way.

“Jim Kelly was a very unique personality. He was John Wayne,” former Bills coach Marv Levy said. “Peyton, he’s the ultra student. Jim was more of a gunslinger, a Brett Favre type. But both prepared so well they earned the confidence of their teammates just because they were so well-prepared, and that’s a great quality to have — to inspire confidence in your teammates.”

It wasn’t just Kelly and Manning winning over teammates.

Hull and Saturday both had to make split-second decisions along the offensive line, calling out signals while everyone else scrambled to get into position for the next play.

Few have been more proficient at it.

“Jim would be one of the first to tell you that Kent Hull was 50 percent of the quarterback process,” Levy said.

Manning agrees, and, like Kelly, spent countless hours developing that close relationship with his center — on and off the field.

Fortunately, Manning and Kelly, didn’t have to make many introductory speeches.

Hull once started 121 consecutive games. Saturday had 75 consecutive starts before missing two games in 2004, and despite playing one of the NFL’s toughest positions he has missed only six starts since winning the starting job in 2000.

Manning believes that is the real measure of success for Indy’s 35-year-old bearded nasty boy.

“I think he has missed two, three or four games, but you’re talking about 40, 50 games he’s played where a lot of guys wouldn’t be playing with the injuries and the pain their bodies are going through,” Manning said. “I’ve spoken with Jim Kelly and know the pride he took in that relationship with his center, and I’ve taken a lot of pride in mine with Jeff. That will be a special record to break.”

Even Saturday sees the similarities.

When former Bills tight end Pete Metzelaars, now Saturday’s offensive line coach, popped in an old Bills tape earlier this year, Saturday took one look at Hull and knew they were made from the same cloth.

“I told Pete, he (Hull) was a nasty one,” Saturday said, laughing. “I think he and I would have gotten along together real good.” □

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NFL Preview

Phickle Philly Phans welcome back McNabb

BARRY WILNER,
AP Football Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Donovan McNabb can expect some good vibes from the folks in the City of Brotherly Love before his Washington Redskins take on the Philadelphia Eagles on Sunday.

Once they kick off, though, Michael Vick will be the local hero and McNabb simply another visiting NFL quarterback the Eagles fans want to see planted into the turf. McNabb's outgoing personality, infectious smile and thrilling unpredictability were fine in Philadelphia while he was winning, and he did a lot of winning in his 11 seasons as an Eagle. McNabb's Eagles won nine of his 16 playoff games. The problem: None of those victories came in a Super Bowl, and four of the losses were in NFC Championship games.

Dealt away to a division rival in April, McNabb returns with the Redskins on a two-game losing run. He's performed well enough for Washington, but not nearly at the level Vick has played in leading the NFC in passing stats.

So what does McNabb expect?

"Hopefully cheers," he says. "You wouldn't expect me to say I am going to get booed, do you? The past 11 years have been great and that is one thing that you just can't forget.

"There are a lot of people who truly were accepting

of the things that I was able to do and respected me as a person and as a player. I do feel like I was appreciated in Philadelphia."

McNabb has never been in the visiting locker room at Lincoln Field.

"I am sure it is probably small, congested and probably not clean," he says. "But, that is what you do to opposing teams."

Vick, who has supplanted Kevin Kolb as McNabb's successor and has the Eagles atop the NFC East division, owes a lot to McNabb. When Vick was signed by Philadelphia last year after being reinstated to the league — he missed two years while serving 18 months in federal prison for dogfighting — McNabb was among his staunchest supporters.

"I hope it's a positive reaction," Vick says of how the fickle Philly fans will greet McNabb. "I hope it's a great reaction and maybe a standing ovation. I think that will be great. Donovan sacrificed a lot for this organization and took them to the playoffs plenty of times and made an appearance in the Super Bowl. He put in his work."

McNabb has his work cut out for him, but not nearly as much as the Washington defense. The Redskins rank last overall, 31st against the pass, and Philadelphia receiver DeSean Jackson is averaging 24.5 yards a catch, nearly a quarter of the field. "DeSean (Jackson)

has kind of exploded into one of the elite receivers," McNabb said.

Unfortunately for McNabb, the Redskins don't have any of those.

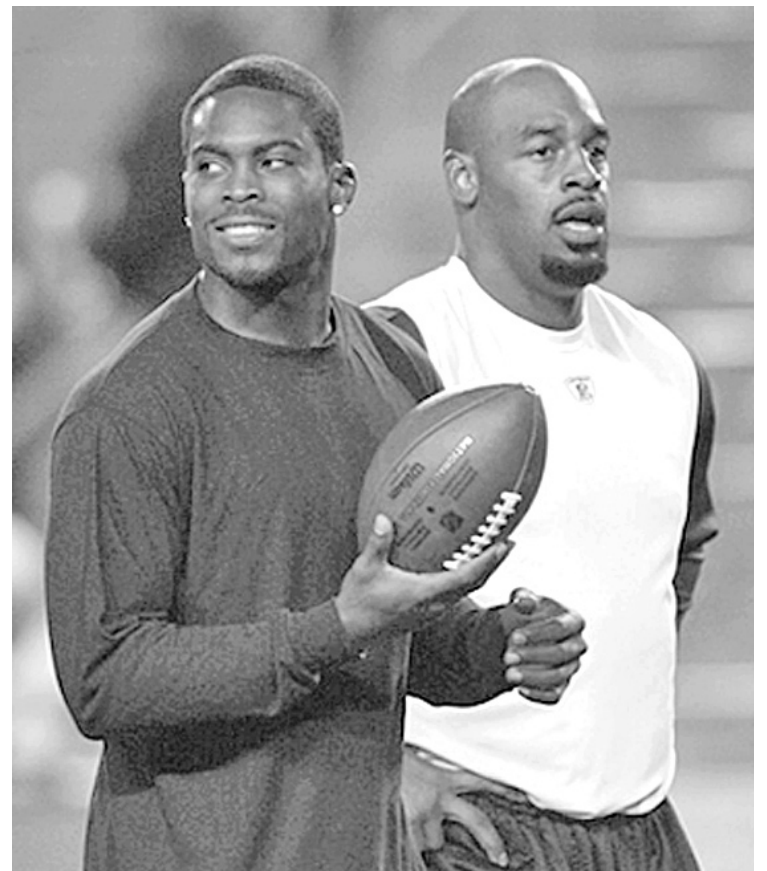
Anyone who likes brutal, in-the-trenches American football will enjoy the AFC North confrontation between the Pittsburgh Steelers and Baltimore Ravens.

The Steelers' defense has been impressive, and they could post an unbeaten record before quarterback Ben Roethlisberger returns from a four-game, bad-conduct suspension.

But the Ravens can be just as formidable without the ball, and they relish such matchups. Plus, their more-varied offense seems to have awakened. If running back Ray Rice (bruised right knee) can't go, however, it will put a crimp in that attack.

"There's nothing like it," said Ray Lewis, the Ravens linebacker and longtime Pittsburgh antagonist. "There's nothing like when they come here and we go there. We know what we're going to get and neither side is going to disappoint each other."

Also on Sunday, it's Indianapolis at Jacksonville; Carolina at New Orleans; Detroit at Green Bay; Chicago at the New York Giants in a night game; Arizona at San Diego; the New York Jets at Buffalo; San Francisco at Atlanta; Denver at Tennessee;



This Oct. 26, 2009, file photo shows Philadelphia Eagles quarterbacks Michael Vick, left, and Donovan McNabb before an NFL football game against the Washington Redskins, in Landover, Md. Donovan McNabb's return to Philadelphia took an interesting twist when Michael Vick became the Eagles' starting quarterback.

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Derek Jeter tries to get swing right for October

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AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — For a decade and a half, Derek Jeter has been a constant for the New York Yankees, sparking the offense and getting big hits at key moments.

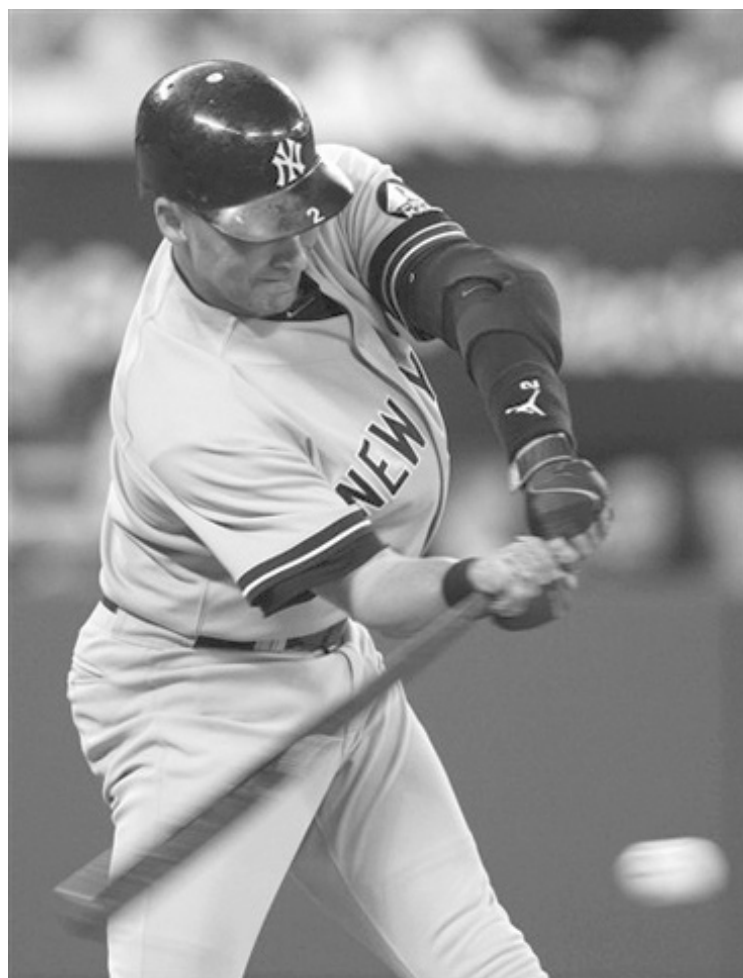
This, however, has been a most un-Jeter-like season for the captain with five World Series titles.

From June 30 to Sept. 10, Jeter scuffled to a .229 average with two homers and 21 RBIs—the lowest average for that long a period in his Major League Baseball career, according to STATS LLC.

He didn't drive the ball with his typical authority to right-center. He tinkered with his swing and fought off pitches he usually handled. Just past his 36th birthday, he went into a prolonged slump.

Now, with his usual October playoffs stage approaching, he's starting to hit again — and beginning to resemble the Jeter of old.

“Don't count Derek Jeter out in the month of September and the postseason. This is a guy that knows how to play this game,” Yankees manager Joe Girardi said. “The law of averages said this guy's going to hit. He's got 2,900 hits. And he's not 45, you know? There's still good baseball in him.”



New York Yankees' Derek Jeter hits a single against the Toronto Blue Jays during the seventh inning of a baseball game in Toronto on Monday, Sept. 27, 2010.

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A career .314 hitter, Jeter is batting 46 points below his lifetime average and headed to his lowest season average since a brief callup in 1995. That's even with a hot streak that has lifted his average to .268.

“It's not always how you start. It's how you finish —

especially when you're going to the playoffs,” he said. “So regardless of whether you have a great regular season or poor regular season, you know, you get in these games, you can contribute, and you forget about what's happened up until this point.”

Remarkably consistent, he's

a .313 hitter in the playoffs, where he holds career records of 138 games, 559 at-bats, 99 runs, 175 hits, 268 total bases — and 107 strikeouts. In the World Series, his batting average rises to .321.

Given how out of whack his whacks were, hitting coach Kevin Long spent long hours trying to analyze Jeter's swing. They started to make tweaks in September.

“Sometimes you don't like to try to do it in the middle of a season, but you do it and you hope things work out,” said Jeter, who needs just 78 regular-season hits to reach 3,000. “You may not look good at the beginning, but you've got to continue with it. You try all sorts of things. It's not always the first thing you try that works.”

A key to the recent turnaround was a hitting session in Arlington, Texas, on Sept. 11. Long concluded Jeter was stepping too much toward first base with his front foot.

“We were working on his stride direction. He was crossing over,” Long said analytically before a recent game. “In Jeter's case, he took 200, 300 swings in one session just trying to get it kind of ironed out and get it to where he was feeling good. And then (he) went the next day and did it again. And then he went out

and took BP.”

He's on a 23-for-69 (.333) hot streak since then, with four doubles, six RBIs and 11 of his 62 walks.

Los Angeles Dodgers manager Joe Torre speculated Jeter may have been playing hurt.

“Sometimes it looks like he's doing something in protection of something, even though he's not conscious of doing it,” the former Yankees manager said.

While fans fret, teammates know how easy it is for a swing to slip into a rut. There are maybe a dozen components from the feet up to the shoulders, and they all have to be in perfect balance as a batter rotates to square with the ball. And even if the mechanics are in synch, the timing of the swing can't be off. “You have a ball coming at you. It's not like a golf swing, that you don't have to worry about the ball moving,” Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira said. “Late, early, under, over. Those centimeters really mean a lot in baseball.” Jeter has been around long enough to know his season has not yet been defined, not with the Yankees headed to the postseason for the 15th time in 16 years.

One or two big hits in October are far more important than anything he does from April to September. □



Switzerland's Fabian Cancellara shows his medal and gestures after he won the men's elite time trial of the 2010 UCI Road World Championships cycling in Geelong, Australia, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010. Cancellara won the gold medal with Britain's David Millar the silver and Tony Martin of Germany the bronze.

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Cancellara wins time trial at world championships

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Olympic champion Fabian Cancellara of Switzerland has claimed his fourth world time trial championship, repeating last year's success by winning the 45.8-kilometer race at the World Road Cycling Championships.

Cancellara, who was world champion in 2006, 2007 and 2009 and Olympic gold medalist at Beijing in 2008, confirmed his pre-race favoritism by outpacing a field of 42 riders.

Britain's David Millar was second and Tony Martin of Germany was third.

The 29-year-old Cancellara became the first rider to win five medals in world championship time trialling — he was third in 2005 before winning his four titles.

He completed the course at Geelong, west of Melbourne in Victoria state, in 58 minutes, 9.19 seconds, a comfortable 1 minute, 2.75 seconds ahead of Millar, the former British road race and time trial champion. Martin, the German national

champion who was third at last year's world championships, finished 1 minute, 12 seconds behind Cancellara and ahead of Australians Richie Porte in fourth and Michael Rogers in fifth.

He was one of seven riders in the race from the US-based ProTour team HTC Columbia and was attempting to win his fifth time trial of the year after victories in the Tour of California, the Tour de Suisse, the Eneco Tour and the German championship.

Rogers was attempting to win the world championships for the fourth time after his victories in 2003, 2004 and 2005.

David Zabriskie of the United States, who was second in 2006 and third in 2008, finished eighth and Gustav Larsson of Sweden, who won time trials in the Giro d'Italia, Vuelta a Madrid, Tour du Limousin and Swedish national championship, was 10th. Cancellara had won three of the six time trials he competed in this year, in the Tour de Suisse and twice in the Tour de France. □





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Greinke, Royals beat Rays, leave AL East tied up

KANSAS CITY (AP) — Zack Greinke pitched seven sharp innings as Kansas City beat Tampa Bay 3-2 on Thursday night, leaving the Rays and New York Yankees with a share of the AL East lead.

AL Roundup: The Rays and Yankees, who have both clinched playoff spots, are at 94-65 going into the final weekend.

Tampa Bay plays three more times at Kansas City while the Yankees have a three-game series at Boston.

If Tampa Bay and New York are level after Sunday, the Rays win the division title because they won the season series against the Yankees.

Greinke (10-4) gave up two runs and four hits while striking out nine.

He had won only one of his previous seven starts.

Joakim Soria worked the ninth for his 43rd save. He has earned saves in his past 36 opportunities since his last blown save on May 6 at Texas.

Matt Garza (15-10) gave up three runs and five hits in seven innings.

Rangers 3, Angels 2

At Arlington, Vladimir Guerrero drove in the go-ahead run in the eighth for Texas and Cliff Lee pitched seven innings in his final tuneup before the playoffs.

Nelson Cruz, who had three hits, doubled to right and stole third on a pitch in the dirt with one out in the eighth. Guerrero lined a single to left off reliever Jordan Walden (0-1) to give Texas the lead.

Darren O'Day (6-2) relieved Lee and allowed a game-tying home run to Peter Bourjos.

Lee, who struck out eight without a walk, gave up four

singles and an unearned run. He will start Game 1 of the AL division series Wednesday against either Tampa Bay or New York.

Neftali Feliz pitched a scoreless ninth to earn his 39th save.

Angels starter Scott Kazmir allowed two runs and six hits in 5 1-3 innings. The left-hander made his final start of the season and is 2-10 since June 24.

Blue Jays 13, Twins 2

At Minneapolis, Jose Bautista hit home runs No. 53 and 54, including a grand slam, and Toronto went deep six times. Edwin Encarnacion hit two homers and Jose Molina and Travis Snider added long balls for the Blue Jays, who have hit 253 homers this season, the fourth-highest total in baseball history.

Bautista's second homer went to right field, his first this season that didn't go to either left or left-center.

Francisco Liriano (14-10) gave up five runs and six hits, including three of those homers, with six strikeouts in 5 1-3 innings in his final start before the playoffs.

The left-hander is scheduled to start Game 1 of the ALDS on Wednesday at Target Field. The AL Central champions have lost six of seven and missed a chance to tie the Rays and Yankees for the best record in the American League.

Bautista entered the night on an 0-for-20 skid, but had three hits and five RBIs.

Casey Janssen (5-2) pitched 1 1-3 innings of scoreless relief for the win.

At Chicago, Paul Konerko hit a grand slam that wrecked Jon Lester's bid for his 20th win, and Chicago won a game delayed by a power failure.

The game was held up for 21 minutes in the sixth inning when most of the stadium lights went out.



Kansas City Royals starting pitcher Zack Greinke throws during the first inning of a baseball game against the Tampa Bay Rays, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010, in Kansas City, Mo.

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A power outage in the area was the cause.

Konerko connected for his 39th homer of the season and the ninth grand slam of his career. The fourth-inning shot off Lester (19-9) made it 6-2 and Dayan Viciedo chased the

Red Sox ace with a two-run homer in the fifth.

In other AL games it was Texas 3, L.A. Angels 2; Chicago White Sox 8, Boston 2; Kansas City 3, Tampa Bay 2; Toronto 13, Minnesota 2; and Oakland 8, Seattle 1. □

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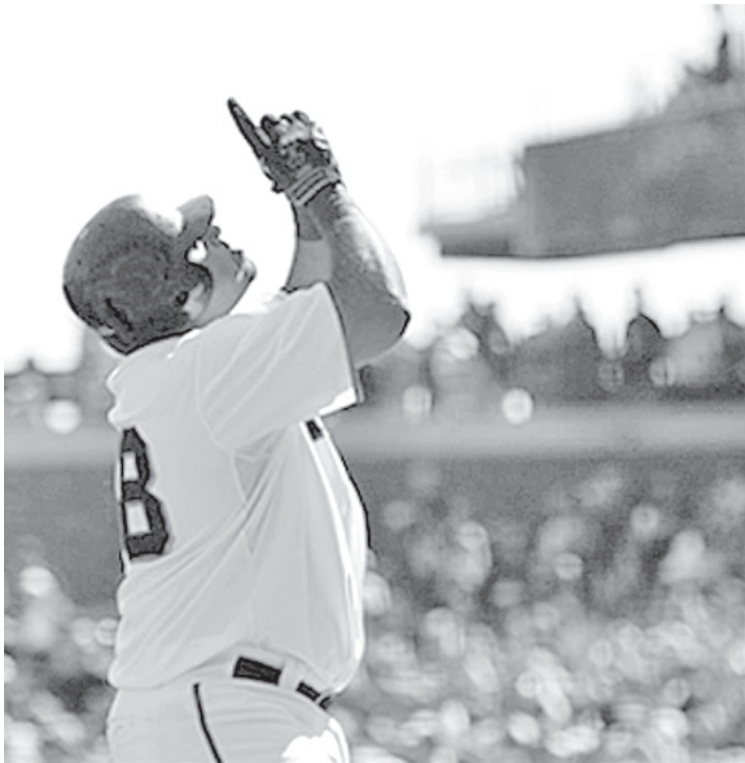


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San Francisco Giants' Pablo Sandoval celebrates his solo home run off Arizona Diamondbacks starting pitcher Barry Enright during the second inning of a baseball game in San Francisco, Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010.

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Giants sweep Arizona, clinch tie for NL West title

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Pablo Sandoval hit a splash shot into McCovey Cove, while Andres Torres and Buster Posey also connected as the NL West-leading San Francisco Giants beat Arizona 4-1 Thursday for a three-game sweep.

NL Roundup The win, coupled with San Diego's 1-0 loss to Chicago, means the Giants have clinched at least a share of the division title.

Even if the Giants are swept in this weekend's three-game series with visiting San Diego, they will finish level. The Giants' last division title and playoff berth was in 2003.

Torres' go-ahead, solo homer in the fifth inning helped rookie Madison Bumgarner (7-6) earn his first home victory in eight tries. Posey hit a two-run homer in the sixth, the rookie's seventh shot in September.

Cubs 1, Padres 0

At San Diego, Brad Snyder hit an RBI single off Heath Bell with one out in the ninth inning to lead the Chicago over San Diego, pushing the Padres to the cusp of elimination from the playoff race.

The loss reduced San Francisco's magic number for clinching the NL West to one and idle Atlanta's magic number for clinching the NL wild card to two.

San Diego has lost 22 of 34 games since Aug. 25, when it had 6½-game lead over the Giants.

Aramis Ramirez started the Cubs' ninth with a broken-bat single to right-center off Bell (6-1) and was replaced by pinch-runner Darwin Barney. Xavier Nady laid down a sacrifice bunt and Barney scored on Snyder's single to left.

San Diego had only three hits. It was the second time in the four-game series that San Diego lost 1-0.

Sean Marshall (7-5) got two outs in the eighth for the win. Carlos Marmol pitched a perfect ninth for his 37th save in 42 chances.

Reds 9, Astros 1

At Cincinnati, Drew Stubbs homered and drove in four runs to help the Reds stay in the race for home-field advantage in the first round of the playoffs.

Brandon Phillips and Jonny Gomes homered for the NL Central champions and Bronson Arroyo (17-10) pitched seven solid innings in his playoff tuneup. The Reds are two games behind San Francisco in the race to finish with the league's second-best record behind Philadelphia.

Cardinals 6, Rockies 1

At St. Louis, Chris Carpenter threw his first complete game of the season as the Cardinals beat the Colorado Rockies.

Carpenter (16-9) ended a four-game losing streak — during which he posted a 7.17 ERA — with a four-hitter.

The Rockies, who were eliminated from the postseason on Tuesday, have lost 10 of 11.

Carpenter, who threw just 100 pitches, retired the last 10 batters in making his major league-leading and career-best 35th start. He walked two and struck out four in the 29th complete game of his career.

Cole Hammel (10-9) went just three innings, allowing five runs and eight hits.

Brewers 9, Mets 2

At New York, Casey McGehee got to 100 RBIs in the ninth inning on one of several sloppy plays by the Mets and Corey Hart reached 100 RBIs two batters later as the Milwaukee Brewers beat New York.

Chris Narveson (12-9) matched a season high with nine strikeouts and Lorenzo Cain hit a two-run double after All-Star shortstop Jose Reyes dropped a routine popup, helping the Brewers win for the seventh time in nine games.

The loss ensured the Mets will finish with a second straight losing season. New York (77-82) struck out 13 times in dropping its third in a row to the Brewers.

Marlins 11, Pirates 9

At Miami, Mike Stanton homered and drove in five runs as the Marlins held off the Pittsburgh Pirates.

Pedro Alvarez hit a three-run homer off Jose Veras in the ninth. Leo Nunez came in and struck out the final two batters to record his 30th save in 38 opportunities.

Alvarez went 4 for 5 with five RBIs.

Wes Helms drove in two runs in the Marlins' four-run first inning and starter Chris Volstad (12-9) pitched six innings, allowing two runs.

Rookies Stanton, Logan Morrison, Gaby Sanchez and Ozzie Martinez accounted for 10 of the Marlins' 13 hits.

Stanton had an RBI single in the first, a three-run homer off Zach Duke (8-15) to deep center field in the fourth, and another RBI single in the sixth.

In other NL games it was San Francisco 4, Arizona 1; Chicago Cubs 1, San Diego 0; Cincinnati 9, Houston 1; Milwaukee 9, N.Y. Mets 2; Florida 11, Pittsburgh 9; and St. Louis 6, Colorado 1.

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Nadal cruises into Thailand Open semis

NONTHABURI, Thailand (AP) — Top-ranked Rafael Nadal of Spain swept past Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan 6-2, 6-3 in the Thailand Open quarterfinals on Friday.

Nadal conceded only seven points on serve, one less than he did the day before against Ruben Bemelmans of Belgium.

"I improved a lot (from) yesterday," Nadal said. "I played better than I expected. But the first thing for me is I'm in the semifinals, and second thing is my serves keep working very well. My forehand worked well (and) I moved to the net from time to time."

Nadal, playing Kukushkin for the first time, served two of his seven aces to close the match.

On Saturday he will meet Spanish compatriot Guillermo Garcia-Lopez,

who ensured Nadal was the only surviving seed by beating fourth-seeded Ernests Gulbis of Latvia 7-6 (4), 4-6, 6-3 in just under two hours.

The semifinals will be Garcia-Lopez's first since June when he reached the Eastbourne grass final.

Nadal has a 2-0 record against Garcia-Lopez.

Jarkko Nieminen of Finland earlier ousted No. 3 Jurgen Melzer of Austria 6-3, 7-6 (4).

Nieminen won a string of baseline duels and benefited from unforced errors by Melzer, who saved two first-set points before Nieminen smashed the winning point.

Nieminen set up match point with an impressive backhand passing shot and delivered a big serve that Melzer couldn't answer to finish it.

"I have played three great



Rafael Nadal of Spain serve to Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan during their quarter final round match at the PTT Thailand Open tennis tournament in Bangkok, Thailand Friday, Oct. 1, 2010. Nadal beat Kukushkin 6-2, 6-3.

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matches here," Nieminen said. "My mind is consistent at the moment. I'm serving better than ever. And I'm

feeling very good about other parts of my game."

Nieminen next faces 2007 finalist Benjamin Becker

of Germany, who needed less than an hour to beat countryman Daniel Brands 6-4, 6-2 in their quarterfinal.

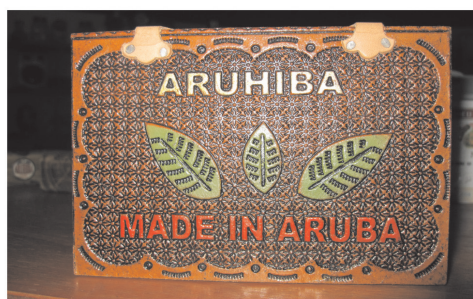
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So much drama, so little golf at Ryder Cup

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — Only in the Ryder Cup can so little golf produce so much drama.

More than 11 hours after these high-charged matches began in a steady rain at Celtic Manor, they ended in darkness with Ian Poulter making a 20-foot birdie putt to square his fourballs match against Tiger Woods on a green illuminated by a large video board.

One problem: They were only on the 10th hole.

None of the four matches in the opening session finished. Captains never even turned in the lineup for the four alternate-shot matches scheduled for the afternoon.

The rain did more than suspend play for more than seven hours. It exposed a wardrobe malfunction with the Americans' rain suits, and forced an unprecedented schedule change with the hope — or maybe it's a prayer — that the Ryder Cup will have a winner by Sunday. That means everyone will be playing the rest of the way until one team hoists the cup.

Ultimately, no one put a single point on the board Friday.

"We were supposed to play for eight points today," European captain Colin Montgomerie said. "And we didn't play for one."

The Americans at least felt as though they had some momentum.

Trailing in three of the four matches when play was halted, Woods made a clutch par to keep from falling two holes down, and he and Steve Stricker won consecutive holes for their first lead until Poulter made his birdie in the dark. Stewart Cink, the guy U.S. captain Corey Pavin forgot to introduce at the opening ceremony, was impossible to miss on the golf course by making one big putt after another. He and Matt Kuchar took a 2-up lead over U.S. Open champion Graeme McDowell and Rory McIlroy through 11 holes.

The American rookies were just as relentless. Bubba Watson and Jeff Overton won



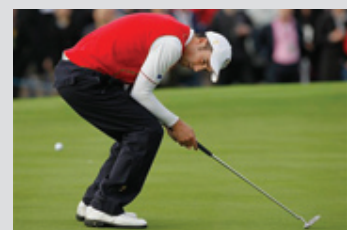
Tiger Woods of the U.S., left, and Europe's Ian Poulter on the 4th green during the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor golf course in Newport, Wales, Friday, Oct. 1, 2010.

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Ryder Cup at a glance

NEWPORT, Wales (AP) — A brief look at the still-to-be completed opening round of the Ryder Cup at the 7,378-yard, par-71 Twenty Ten course at Celtic Manor:

Leading: U.S. ahead 2-1, with the fourth of four better-ball matches tied, although none had progressed beyond the 12th hole when darkness



Europe's Ross Fisher reacts on the 5th green during the 2010 Ryder Cup golf tournament at the Celtic Manor golf course in Newport, Wales, Friday, Oct. 1, 2010.

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forced suspension of play.

Wet-and-wild: A heavy downpour forced the first suspension of play at 9:44 a.m., leading to a 7-hour, 18-minute delay and prompting officials to try and catch up by scheduling six matches in both of Saturday's sessions instead of the usual four.

Wet-and-wetter: The rain gear the U.S. team brought over from the States performed worse than it looked. During the rain delay, team officials went to the merchandise tent nearby and bought 20 suits for use in the afternoon.

Can't cool him off: American Stewart Cink made five birdies in 11 holes, the most by any player on the day. Second-most were the three straight by teammate Phil

Mickelson.

Juggling the schedule: After the four first-round better-ball matches are finished, six alternate-shot matches will be played in the second session, followed by two more alternate-shot matches and the four better-balls in the third session. If those are complete, all 12 singles matches will be played Sunday as originally planned.

Key statistic: Six of the 41 holes played on Friday were won by bogeys, a rarity in better-ball matches.

Quoteworthy: "Goal No. 1 was to get the ball on the tee, and I managed to do it the first time. And I was quite pleased." — Ryder Cup rookie Ross Fisher on hitting his first tee shot. □

to do a little shopping in the merchandise tent in yet another embarrassing moment.

The Americans looked soaked in their navy blue rain suits with white stripes, and there was a reason for that — they didn't work. Pavin never explained why it took until Friday at the Ryder Cup to figure this out, or what specifically was wrong with them.

"My suit was fine. I had no problems — but I wasn't playing," Pavin said. "They just didn't perform the way they were supposed to perform, and so we just went out and bought some more, simple as that."

Team officials bought 20 suits from the same company that outfitted a dry-looking European team — although they weren't even necessary when play eventually resumed.

Woods' match was approaching the sixth green when Pavin huddled with PGA of America officials to agree on the schedule change. Once the fourballs matches are completed Saturday morning, the next session will be six alternate-shot matches, followed by a third session of six more matches — two alternate-shot and four better-ball matches. Ideally, those would be wrapped up Sunday morning in time for the decisive 12 singles matches. Rain is forecast over the weekend, and this could be the first Monday finish in Ryder Cup history. Until then, everyone will be playing until one team hoists the cup. That includes Westwood, in his first competition in six weeks because of a calf injury.

"Well, if they're not fit, they shouldn't be here," Montgomerie said. "And they're fit, so they are here." Montgomerie saved his sympathy for some 45,000 fans, who went from singing and chanting and waving flags in the morning to waiting about seven hours during a delay that seemed would never end. Enough of them returned to line every fairway and fill every grandstand where matches were played. □

the first two holes with birdies before the rain, and they were 1-up on Luke Donald and Padraig Harrington. The Americans already have a birdie on the par-5 ninth hole, and Donald will have a chance to halve the hole with a 6-foot putt when they return Saturday.

Europe was leading only in the first match, with Lee Westwood and PGA champion Martin Kaymer 1 up through

12 holes over Masters champion Phil Mickelson and Dustin Johnson. Europe was 3 up through six holes when Mickelson led a rally.

Ultimately, the rain-soaked and mud-splattered fans saw only four hours of golf, some of it quite sloppy given the conditions. Woods took four shots to reach the first green. Europe won that hole with a par when Ross Fisher's tee shot was lodged in the lining

of a fan's umbrella. He was given a free drop and was able to hit onto the green.

Volunteers armed with squeegees were constantly mopping up large puddles across the landing area in the fairways and on every green, until they could no longer keep up with all the water.

The entertainment didn't let up even when the golf was suspended. If nothing else, it gave the U.S. team time

HEALTH

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Coffee, tea linked to lower risk of brain tumor



Cups of cappuccino sit on a table during the World Coffee Conference in Guatemala City February 26, 2010.

By Amy Norton

NEW YORK – Coffee and tea lovers may have a decreased likelihood of developing the most common form of malignant brain tumor in adults, a new study suggests. The findings, from a study of more than 500,000 European adults, add to evidence from a recent U.S. study linking higher coffee and tea intake to a lower risk of gliomas, a group of brain tumors that makes up about 80 percent of malignant brain cancers in adults.

It does not, however, prove that the beverages themselves confer the protection.

“This is all very preliminary,” said lead researcher Dominique Michaud, of Brown University in Providence, Rhode Island, and Imperial College London. “This study shouldn’t be the reason that anyone changes their coffee or tea intake.”

And even if coffee and tea have some direct effect on glioma risk, the impact would be small. Brain tumors in general are uncommon; in Europe, for instance, annual rates are estimated at between four and six cases per 100,000 women, and six to eight cases for every 100,000 men.

Overall, the odds that a person will develop a malignant (cancerous) brain tumor in his or her lifetime are less than 1

percent.

Still, Michaud said, if higher coffee and tea intake is somehow protective against glioma, that could give researchers insight into the causes of the tumors. “Right now, we don’t know much about what causes brain cancer,” she noted in an interview.

The findings, published in the American Journal of Clinical Nutrition, come from an ongoing study in 10 European countries investigating potential risk factors for cancer. At the outset, 521,488 men and women between the ages of 25 and 70 completed detailed questionnaires on their medical history, diet, exercise habits, smoking and other lifestyle factors.

For their analysis, Michaud’s team focused on more than 410,000 participants who were cancer-free at the outset and had complete dietary information. Over an average of 8.5 years of follow-up, 343 of these men and women were diagnosed with glioma; another 245 were diagnosed with another, usually benign type of brain tumor called meningioma.

When the researchers divided the study participants into four to five groups based on their coffee and tea intake at the outset, they found

no evidence of a “dose-response” relationship -- that is, a decreasing glioma risk as coffee and tea consumption climbed.

The findings were different, however, when the researchers looked at two groups: those who averaged at least 3.5 ounces of coffee or tea per day, and those who drank less or none at all. The heavier coffee/tea consumers were one-third less likely to be diagnosed with glioma, with factors such as age and smoking history taken into account. There was no connection seen with meningioma risk.

According to Michaud, it’s not clear why there was no evidence of a dose-response association between coffee and tea intake and the risk of glioma -- which is generally

considered a stronger sign of a possible cause-and-effect relationship. But it may be related to difficulties in precisely measuring study participants’ coffee and tea intake, which was dependent on self-reports.

It is biologically plausible that coffee and/or tea could affect glioma risk, Michaud said. A recent lab study, for example, found that caffeine appeared to slow the growth of a type of glioma called glioblastoma. In addition, both coffee and tea contain antioxidants, which help protect body cells from damage that can lead to cancer and other diseases.

However, it’s also possible that coffee and tea enthusiasts have other characteristics that might affect their likelihood of glioma development. Just

what those characteristics might be is unknown, as the causes of most brain tumors are unknown.

Researchers know of some risk factors. People who undergo radiation therapy -- most commonly radiation of the head to treat other cancers -- have a heightened risk of a future brain tumor. And genetic predisposition appears to play a role in a small percentage of brain tumors.

But the evidence on dietary or environmental factors, like on-the-job chemical exposures, has been inconclusive.

Michaud said that more research is needed both to confirm that there is an association between coffee and tea intake and glioma risk, and to understand the underlying reasons. □

Lack of Sleep During Pregnancy Ups Risk of High Blood Pressure

By Serena Gordon

A good night’s sleep when you’re pregnant may help keep your blood pressure levels normal, new research suggests.

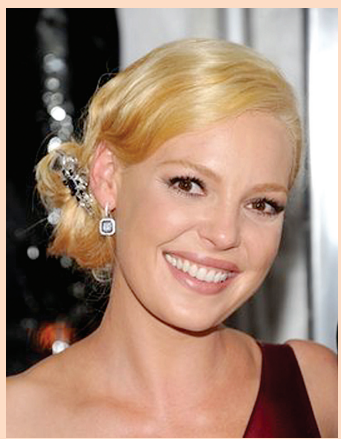
Pregnant women who got less than six hours of nightly sleep during early pregnancy had systolic blood pressure readings in their last trimester that were nearly 4 mm/Hg higher than women who slept nine hours nightly, the study found. And women who got less than five hours of sleep increased their odds of developing preeclampsia -- a serious pregnancy complication related to high blood pressure -- more than ninefold. On the other hand, getting too much sleep could also be a problem: women who reported sleeping more than 10 hours a night in their first trimester had more than a twofold increase in the risk of developing preeclampsia, according to the study published in the October issue of the journal Sleep.

“Women, in general, need about seven to nine hours of sleep during pregnancy, preferably nine hours. Getting less than that amount can have health affects,” said study author Michelle Williams, a professor of epidemiology and global health at the University of Washington, and co-director of the Center for Perinatal Studies at the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle. “Women generally already know that

they’re eating well and getting enough exercise for two during pregnancy. Our study suggests that women should also aspire to sleep well for two,” said Williams.

But, she added, because the current study is one of the first to show this association, its findings need to be confirmed by other researchers before any recommendations can be made.

The study included 1,272 healthy pregnant women who were recruited for the study during prenatal care visits to the Swedish Medical Center in Seattle between December 2003 and July 2006. All the women reported information on their lifestyles and health characteristics, as well as sleeping habits, in an initial interview done around 14 weeks’ gestation. Blood pressure was measured periodically throughout pregnancy. Sleep duration didn’t appear to have an effect on blood pressure levels in the first and second trimesters of pregnancy. However, during the third trimester, women who slept less than six hours a night had an average systolic (that’s the top number in a blood pressure reading) blood pressure that was 3.72 mm/Hg higher than women who slept nine hours. Even women who slept seven to eight hours a night had systolic blood pressure readings that were 2.43 mm/Hg higher than women who slept nine hours. □



Actress Katherine Heigl attends the premiere of 'Life As We Know It' at The Ziegfeld Theatre, in New York, on Thursday, Sept. 30, 2010.

(AP Photo/Peter Kramer)

Katherine Heigl: 'I don't believe my own press'

By NICOLE EVATT, Associated Press Writer
NEW YORK — Former "Grey's Anatomy" star Katherine Heigl says she's happy to make headlines, but stories about her in the media are often exaggerated. Heigl's comments in the past have been known to make waves in the entertainment world. She called the 2007 comedy "Knocked Up," in which she starred, "a little sexist." Later, she refused to seek an Emmy nomination after saying "Grey's" writers didn't give her enough award-worthy material. Heigl says she doesn't have "any major problem" with what's written about her. But she adds that she tries to keep her perspective so she doesn't believe her own press. The actress was speaking in New York at the world premiere of her latest dramedy, "Life as We Know It," which opens nationwide next week.

'Law & Order: UK' puts an old show in a new place



In this publicity image released by Wolf Films and NBC Universal, from left, Ben Daniels portrays Senior Crown Prosecutor James Steel, Bill Paterson portrays Director of CPS George Castle and Freema Agyeman portrays Junior Crown Prosecutor Alesha Phillips in the BBC America series 'Law & Order: UK'.

(AP Photo/ Wolf Films and NBC Universal)

By FRAZIER MOORE, AP Television Writer
NEW YORK — Where scripted shows on U.S. networks are concerned, viewers know it's all about them.

They know certain shows have been imported for them and specially tailored for U.S. tastes. British comedies spawned "All in the Family" and "Sanford and Son" in the early 1970s. More recently, "Ugly Betty" was adapted from a Colombian telenovela. And NBC's "The Office" was a domestic reimagining of the British original.

Meanwhile, it's no surprise that American series are sold around the world, dubbed or subtitled for each local audience.

Even so, who knew "Married ... With Children" had been shot from scratch in a Spanish

production — or that "The Nanny" inspired homespun productions in countries including Poland and Turkey? U.S. viewers can get a dandy look at such a foreign transplant thanks to cable's BBC America, which is bringing 26 episodes of "Law & Order: UK" back to the land where the "Law & Order" TV empire was born.

Premiering Sunday at 10:30 p.m. EDT, with subsequent episodes airing Fridays at 9 p.m. EDT, "Law & Order: UK" is unmistakably kin to the "L&O" family.

While the classic Mike Post licks have been swapped out for a different theme, each episode begins with the sonorously voiced "In the criminal justice system ..." rap. (Though here, it's "the crown prosecutors" who prosecute

offenders.) And — never fear — location cards remain part of the format, along with the accompanying "cha-CHUNG" sound effect.

New York City plays an integral role in "Law & Order," but its British offshoot is set in London, where people say "mate" and threaten to "put him in the dock"; where they wear funny wigs in court and drive on the other side of the road.

Each episode has been adapted from the original series, seen on NBC from 1990 through last season. The first "L&O: UK" hour is based on the script for "Cradle to Grave," where a baby is found dead, possibly the victim of tenant harassment. It first aired on "Law & Order" in 1992.

The regulars of "L&O: UK" are solid but likely to be unknowns to most American viewers: Jamie Bamber ("Outcasts," "Battlestar Galactica") as Detective Sergeant Matt Devlin, Bradley Walsh ("The Old Curiosity Shop") as Detective Sergeant Ronnie Brooks, Ben Daniels ("The Passion," "The State Within") as Senior Crown Prosecutor James Steel and Freema Agyeman ("Doctor Who," "Little Dorritt") as Junior Crown Prosecutor Alesha Phillips.

Not exactly household names. But the cast's makeup and relationships will feel instantly familiar to any "L&O" fan.

This would include fans in Britain, where (along with dozens of other countries) the imported "Law & Order"

already had been airing when "Law & Order: UK" premiered last year on the ITV network. That show has since proved a big success, averaging about a one-quarter share of the viewing audience.

"After 'Law & Order' was broadcast there, we made an English version and it turned into a hit, and, lo and behold, it's coming back to the U.S.," said "Law & Order" creator Dick Wolf. "This is getting pretty close to a perpetual motion machine."

Other global ventures for the "L&O" franchise include French and Russian productions of "Law & Order: Criminal Intent" and a Russian version of "Law & Order: Special Victims Unit." Maybe in the future: "Law & Order" customized for the Middle East, Asia and Sweden.

"There's an endless fascination with crime," Wolf said, "and I'm delighted that there is."

But Yanks captioned or dubbed aren't enough anymore, said Michael Edelstein, NBC Universal International's London-based president for international TV production, who hopes to seed the world with homegrown versions of "Law & Order" and other NBCU properties.

"U.S. television is remarkable for how it's consumed ravenously around the world," Edelstein said. "But it's not the only game in town. Most television is created locally, and viewers are more comfortable seeing people speak their own language, with their own cities represented. □"

Heidi Klum turns in her Victoria's Secret wings

By SAMANTHA CRITCHELL, Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Heidi Klum is hanging up her wings. The supermodel said Friday that she is ending her work as part of the Victoria's Secret stable of models, dubbed angels, at the age of 37.

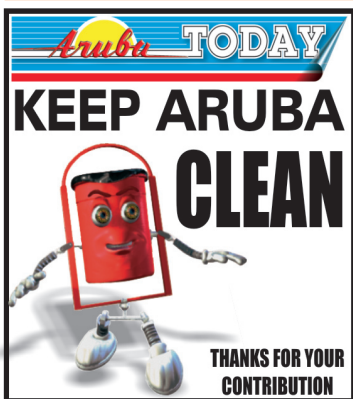
Last year, Klum walked the lingerie retailer's runway just five weeks after giving birth. On Friday, she said, "All good things have to come to an end. I will always love Victoria and never tell her secret."

No reason was given for the split, but Klum said she would focus on other projects. The "Project Runway" host is also creating an activewear collection with New Balance, to be sold on Amazon. □



FILE- This Nov. 15, 2007 file photo shows Seal as he performs while his wife Heidi Klum walks the runway during the Victoria's Secret fashion show at the Kodak Theatre in Hollywood, Calif. Heidi Klum is hanging up her wings. The supermodel said Friday, Oct. 1, 2010, that she is ending her work as part of Victoria's Secret's stable of models, dubbed angels, at the age of 37.

(AP Photo/Evan Agostini, FILE)



BUSINESS

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Economy gets lift from government aid

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER,
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — A flurry of new data Friday showed the economy is improving — with temporary help from the government.

Consumer spending rose 0.4 percent in August and incomes increased 0.5 percent, the largest gain in eight months, the Commerce Department said. Still, the income gain was propelled mostly by the government's short-term extension of unemployment aid, not wage gains.

A big jump in government building projects lifted construction spending in August 0.4 percent, Commerce said in a separate report. That offset the weakest level in private construction spending in 12 years.

Separately, a private trade group said manufacturing activity expanded in September for the 14th straight month, although it was the slowest pace in

10 months. The Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index read 54.4 in September. A reading above 50 indicates growth.

The reports point to an economy that is growing, but at a sluggish rate and not fast enough to drive down the 9.6 percent unemployment rate.

Consumer spending accounts for 70 percent of total economic activity and until it returns to a stronger pace, the rebound from the recession will be held back. Spending isn't likely to see a big gain until income growth accelerates.

The overall economy grew at an annual rate of 1.7 percent in the April-June quarter. Many economists expect growth to be around 2 percent for the rest of the year, mainly because of the weak growth in consumer spending.

"Consumption growth is unlikely to gain any real momentum when incomes are rising only modestly

and households are still saving," said Paul Dales, senior economist at Capital Economics.

The August rise in incomes would have been much lower — just 0.2 percent — without the extended unemployment benefits. The program had temporarily lapsed in July after Republicans blocked an extension. That lowered the total for incomes in the July report by about \$17 billion at an annual rate.

The jobless benefits program resumed in August after Democrats gained enough votes to pass an extension through November. That boosted the total for incomes in the August report by approximately \$21 billion.

Two straight months of 0.4 percent gains in spending bolstered confidence that the country is not slipping back into a recession, fears that had been fueled by flat readings on spending in both April and



In this Sept. 8, 2010 photo, a Costco customer waits in line at Costco in Mountain View, Calif. Consumer spending rose by a moderate amount in August while incomes increased by the largest amount in eight months, a gain that was propelled by the resumption of extended unemployment benefits.

(AP Photo/Paul Sakuma)

June.

With incomes up slightly more than spending, the personal savings rate edged up to 5.8 percent of after-tax incomes in August. It was 5.7 percent in July. Both are much higher than the 2.1 percent average for the savings rate in 2007, before the recession began.

A key gauge of inflation tied

to consumer spending showed prices rose a slight 0.2 percent in August. Excluding food and energy, prices were up 0.1 percent. This price gauge is up just 1.4 percent excluding food and energy over the past year, indicating that the weak economy has essentially banished inflation as a threat at the moment. □



In this Sept. 30, 2010 photo, specialists Evan Solomon, second from right, and Michael Volpe, right, work at their posts on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, in New York. Stock futures are rising Friday, Oct. 1, as signs of strong manufacturing growth in China is driving stocks higher worldwide.

By STEPHEN BERNARD,
AP Business Writer

NEWYORK—Signs of slowing growth in manufacturing kept investors' enthusiasm in check Friday as the final quarter of the year got under way.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 28 points in

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

afternoon trading after the Institute for Supply Management said its manufacturing index fell modestly in September. Activity was still expanding at U.S. factories but at a slightly lower pace. Manufacturers including Boeing Co., General

Uncertain pace of growth keeps lid on stocks

Electric Co. and 3M Co. all edged higher after the report. "Expectations have risen slightly" for the economy in the past month, said Eric Thorne, an investment adviser at Bryn Mawr Trust Wealth Management. "While that's a good thing, it also means that data needs to show significant signs of improvement to drive stocks higher."

Stocks had jumped after the opening bell on signs of strong growth in Chinese manufacturing. Traders were sorting through other reports suggesting that U.S. economic growth remains sluggish.

Personal income and spending both rose more than expected in August, with incomes jumping by the fastest pace in eight months. However the savings rate also climbed, an indication that spending might not climb much in the near

future. Consumer sentiment was better than initially thought in September, but still not quite as strong as it was in August.

Taken together, the batch of U.S. economic reports point to "very slow growth," said Bob Enck, president and CEO of Equinox Fund Management. "It tells us there's still uncertainty."

Stock indexes gave up early gains and were muddling higher by midday. The Dow rose 28.27, or 0.3 percent, to 10,818.14, having been up as much as 78 points earlier in the day.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 3.42, or 0.3 percent, to 1,144.62. The S&P 500 again touched the 1,150 level in early trading Friday, but was unable to hold above that threshold as it remains somewhat range bound. It

was the sixth straight day the S&P came within or breached 1,150, a level it has not closed above since early May.

"If we close above 1,150, that would be the trigger (to) raise that range to 1,175 on the high end," said Rose Greene, owner of Rose Greene Financial Services.

The Nasdaq fell 1.87, or 0.1 percent, to 2,366.75.

In corporate news, Hewlett-Packard Co. dropped after the computer company named Leo Apotheker, the former head of business software maker SAP AG, its new CEO. Shares fell \$1.65, or 3.9 percent, to \$40.42.

United and Continental closed a deal to create the world's biggest airline Friday. Shares of the newly combined company, United Continental Holdings Inc., jumped \$1.11, or 4.7 percent, to \$24.77. □



Ubisoft presents "Assassin's Creed Brotherhood" at the 2010 E3 in Los Angeles on June 2010. Ubisoft is expanding the world of "Assassin's Creed" to Facebook, breaking down the barrier between play on consoles and at the hot online social network.

Ubisoft sends 'Assassins' to Facebook

SAN FRANCISCO – French videogame titan Ubisoft is expanding the world of "Assassin's Creed" to Facebook, breaking down the barrier between play on consoles and at the hot online social network.

"Project Legacy," available free for play at Facebook, is Ubisoft's first "companion game" crafted to let gameplay achievements at a social network pay off in console versions and vice versa. "It's basically a back-and-forth mechanism for passing value between games that are complementary in the same universe," said former Microsoft executive Chris Early, head of Ubisoft's freshly-created digital publishing team.

"By tying the games together, we have people extend their experience."

Accomplishments in "Project Legacy" result in virtual money or experience points that can be sent to a player's guild of assassins in "Assassin's Creed: Brotherhood" being released November 16 for Xbox 360 and PlayStation 3 videogame consoles.

"Project Legacy" play can unlock special features in the soon-to-be-released third title in the blockbuster "Assassin's" franchise. Progress in "Brotherhood" will reward "Legacy" players with access to new content.

"Brotherhood" will continue the Renaissance period tale of betrayed nobleman Ezio Auditore Da Firenze, a descendent of the Altair character who starred in the original title.

Ubisoft also announced it is building a massively multiplayer online (MMO) pet simulation adventure game spinning off of its winning line of "Petz" videogames.

The "Petz World" MMO will be designed to reward families playing as a team, with progress by parents or children resulting in rewards for each other's in-world characters.

"Now, we are all members of the same family playing together in a way that complements each other's play," Early told AFP during Ubisoft's first Digital Day event featuring glimpses at new online game offerings.

"I have big hopes for that concept."

Ubisoft last year launched a UbiFriends gaming portal at Facebook. The portal's first offering was a "TickTock" game that playfully challenges Facebook users to show how much they know about their friends.

Videogame makers have been increasingly turning to digital offerings as game distribution shifts increasingly online and play at online social networking websites booms. □

Microsoft sues Motorola over smart phone patents

REDMOND, Wash. – Microsoft is suing Motorola Inc. for infringing on its smart-phone patents.

The software maker says Motorola phones that use Google Inc.'s Android software step on Microsoft technology.

The functions in question include synchronizing e-mail, calendars and contacts.

Microsoft filed its lawsuit in the U.S. District

Court for the Western District of Washington. It also filed a claim with the International Trade Commission.

This isn't the first move Microsoft has made to protect its mobile patents. In April, it announced licensing agreement with another Android phone maker, Taiwan's HTC Corp. Officials with Schaumburg, Ill.-based Motorola didn't immediately comment. □

Yahoo losing 3 top execs, raising more worries

By MICHAEL LIEDTKE,
AP Technology Writer

SAN FRANCISCO – Three top Yahoo Inc. executives are leaving the slumping Internet company in an exodus that could put CEO Carol Bartz on the hot seat as she approaches the end of her second year trying to engineer a turnaround.

The company disclosed the departures Thursday, confirming an earlier report published on the technology site All Things Digital.

The defecting executives are: Hilary Schneider, an executive vice president who oversaw Yahoo's advertising in the U.S.; David Ko, a senior vice president in charge of mobile and audience; and Jimmy Pitaro, a vice president who ran the division that produced the heavily trafficked news, sports and finance sections of Yahoo's website.

"These are some of the most important people at the company," said Standard and Poor's equity analyst Scott Kessler. "It's definitely going to put more pressure on Carol Bartz."

Bartz, known for her brash, sometimes profane language, has been cutting costs while

trying to find ways to get people to spend more time on Yahoo's website instead of rapidly growing online hangouts such as Facebook and Twitter. In doing so, Bartz also abandoned any hope of catching Google Inc. in the lucrative Internet search market. She has farmed out the bulk of the company's search technology to Microsoft Corp.'s Bing. Although analysts have applauded Bartz for bringing more discipline to Yahoo, her strategy has yielded few dividends. Advertisers are still spending more at Google and Facebook, leaving Yahoo in a financial funk that began under her two predecessors, former movie mogul Terry Semel and company co-founder Jerry Yang.

Yahoo's stock price also has fallen by about 15 percent so far this year, leaving it even further below the \$33 per share that Microsoft was prepared to pay to buy the entire company in May 2008. Yang balked at the offer, prompting Microsoft to withdraw the bid.

Yahoo shares fell 17 cents Thursday to close at \$14.17. Bartz, 62, has cautioned it

could take several years to revive Yahoo and pointed out that Apple Inc. didn't become a Wall Street darling as soon as Steve Jobs returned to the company in 1997. Yahoo's board gave Bartz a four-year contract when it hired her in January 2009.

But that the latest personnel losses could prompt some second-guessing about whether the board made the right choice, Kessler said, given that Bartz has been unable to stop an exodus of talent that began under Semel and Yang. "This will increase the wattage of the spotlight on that issue," he predicted. Yahoo has persuaded Schneider to remain with the company while it searches for her replacement. The company hopes to fill that key job by the end of the year.

Ko is being succeeded by Raymond Stern, who joined the company last year as senior vice president of North America partnerships. Yahoo didn't announce who will replace Pitaro.

"We wish them all the best in their future endeavors," Yahoo said in a statement about the departing executives. □

Highlights of Breast Cancer Facts & Figures 2009-2010 include:



•In 2009, an estimated 192,370 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer. Excluding cancers of the skin, breast cancer is the most common cancer among women in the United States, accounting for more than 1 in 4 cancers diagnosed.

•An estimated 40,170 women are expected to die from the disease in 2009. Only lung cancer accounts for more cancer deaths in women.

•In January 2006 (the latest year for which figures are available), approximately 2.5 million women living in the U.S. had a history of breast cancer. Most of them were cancer-free, while others still had evidence of cancer and may have been undergoing treatment.

•Between 2002 and 2003, a sharp decline in breast cancer incidence rates occurred in the U. S., particularly among women aged 50 to 69. This decrease is likely a result of the rapid drop in menopausal hormone use that began in 2002. Breast cancer incidence rates have remained relatively stable since 2003.

•While incidence rates have

declined for white women, breast cancer, incidence rates have remained relatively stable for African American women. The lack of a decline in African Americans may be due to the lack of a significant decrease in mammography screening rates and/or historically lower rates of menopausal hormone use.

•Although overall breast cancer incidence rates are lower in African American than white women, African American women have higher incidence rates of distant stage disease; are more likely to be diagnosed with larger tumors; and are more likely to die from the disease.

•Breast cancer mortality rates have declined steadily since 1990. The drop in mortality has been larger women under 50 (3.2% per year) than among women over 50 (2.0% per year).

•From 1997-2006, female breast cancer death rates declined by 1.9% per year in non-Hispanic whites and Hispanics/Latinas, 1.6% per year in African Americans, and 0.6% per year among Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders. Death rates have remained unchanged among and American Indians/Alaska Natives.

•There is clear evidence that mammography reduces the risk of dying from breast cancer. After increasing for many years, the percentage of women aged 40 years and older who report having had a mammogram has dropped. According to survey data, 51.2

% of women 40 or older have had a mammogram within the past year.

•Modifiable factors associated with an increased risk of breast cancer include postmenopausal obesity, menopausal hormone use, physical inactivity, and alcohol consumption of two or more drinks per day.

“The steady drop in the breast cancer death rate means that this year alone, about 15,000 breast cancer deaths were avoided that would have occurred had rates not begun to drop,” said John R. Seffrin, Ph.D., chief executive officer of the American Cancer Society. “Since the early 1990s, that decline adds up to more than 130,000 grandmothers, mothers, and daughters who were alive, perhaps to celebrate another birthday, and even to go on to live a full, rich life.”

“While there is much to celebrate in the fight against cancer, this report is also a strong reminder that far too many women still die of breast cancer and of the work yet to be done,” said Elizabeth “Terry” T.H. Fontham, M.P.H., Dr.P.H., American Cancer Society national volunteer president. “We need to make sure all women have access to information to help them reduce their risk and to resources to ensure early detection and the best possible treatment.” Source: Cancer Statistics 2009

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Bill would exempt wolves from federal protection



This 2004 photograph provided by Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks shows an adult male wolf from the Lazy Creek pack north of Whitefish, Mont. Government agencies are ramping up killings and removals of gray wolves in the Northern Rockies and Great Lakes, despite two recent court actions that restored the animal's endangered status in every state except Alaska and Minnesota.

(AP Photo/Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks)

By **BEN NEARY**,
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CHEYENNE, Wyo. — U.S. senators from Wyoming, Idaho and Utah proposed legislation Thursday that would strip federal endangered species protections from wolves in the northern Rockies.

The legislation is the latest in a series of recent bills generally aimed at short-circuiting lawsuits from environmental groups opposed to seeing an end to federal wolf protections.

Much of the environmentalists' concern has centered on Wyoming, where the state has proposed classifying wolves as predators that could be shot on sight in most areas.

Wolves were reintroduced in the northern Rockies in the

mid-1990s and more than 1,700 live in Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and parts of Oregon and Washington state.

"Recovery numbers and science show that wolves no longer need to be on the endangered species list," said Sen. Mike Enzi, R-Wyo., one of the sponsors.

"States are completely capable of managing wolves on their own without the federal government micromanaging them at every turn. This bill would finally free our state, ranchers and wildlife from the shackles of federal mismanagement," Enzi said.

Wyoming Gov. Dave Freudenthal's administration has sued the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service repeatedly, and so far unsuccessfully, to

try to force the federal agency to turn wolf management over to the state.

The federal wildlife agency briefly turned wolf management over to Wyoming, Idaho and Montana a couple of years ago but reinstated federal protections after a federal judge in Montana expressed concerns over Wyoming's plan. The same judge more recently shot down

the agency's effort to remove federal protections in Idaho and Montana while leaving them in place in Wyoming.

Wyoming Rep. Pat Childers, R-Cody, who chairs a legislative committee that deals with wildlife issues, said he would welcome an end to federal protections for the wolf that would allow states to set hunting seasons.

"I think by going to the hunting

issue, we'll be able to reduce a number of impacts to the land owners and the ranchers," the state legislator said. "I'm still a firm believer that if they're hunted, they're going to avoid people."

The bill's other sponsors are Sen. John Barrasso, R-Wyo.; Sen. Orrin Hatch, R-Utah; Sen. Mike Crapo, R-Idaho.; and Sen. James Risch, R-Idaho. □

Scientists Stalk Mystery of Smelly 'Asparagus Urine'

Wynne Parry

If you've eaten asparagus, you have probably smelled it. But if you are one of those who can eat asparagus without later experiencing sulfur-scented pee, is it because you can't

smell it or because your pee really is asparagus odor-free? A new study says either scenario could be true. The researchers also identified

a single variation in the DNA code associated with a person's sensitivity to the smell of asparagus pee. "Everyone has his or her own sensory world when it comes to the sense of smell," said Marcia Levin Pelchat, a neuroscientist at the nonprofit, independent Monell Chemical Senses Center, and one of the researchers.

"We suspected that individual differences in ability to detect this aroma after eating asparagus might be related to genetic differences in olfactory receptors," Levin said. "And that is something

that is being studied very intensively in order to help us better understand how the system codes for different smells."

The researchers also had to consider the possibility that not everyone produced this smell, and that the potential difference in metabolism responsible for the presence or absence of the scent could be a marker for an important genetic variation, she said.

Shakespeare knew about it. Attempts to identify the compounds responsible for the odor date back to 1891, and observations extend beyond the world of science. Benjamin Franklin noted the "disagreeable odor" caused by a few stalks, while the French novelist Marcel Proust had a more amenable take on it: "As in a Shakespeare fairy-story transforms my chamber-pot into a flask of perfume," according to the researchers.

In fact, previous research using survey and genetic data

identified a genetic marker associated with the ability to perceive the odor of asparagus pee. But scientists still weren't sure whether some people also didn't have scented urine.

In the new study, the researchers recruited 38 participants who gave urine samples twice, before and after eating bread or asparagus (the eating sessions were spaced at least three days apart). Then the participants returned and sniffed other participants' urine and their own in separate sessions, which were limited to prevent nose fatigue. At each session, they were asked three times to distinguish between urine produced after eating asparagus or bread and between urine produced before and after eating asparagus. The scientists also tested their general olfactory ability.

The scientists also collected DNA from cheek swabs. Three of the participants' urine did not appear to carry an asparagus odor that was detectable to those who smelled it. Meanwhile, two participants were unable to differentiate the asparagus pee from the other urine samples. Even though one person fell into both categories, the researchers found no connection between the inability to smell and produce the odor.

The genetic results revealed that a single alteration in the DNA, within a cluster of genes that code for the olfactory receptors, which sense odor and pass it along to the brain, was associated with an increased ability to smell the odor. Other genes are probably involved as well, according to Pelchat. □

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Ecuador trata superar crisis tras sublevación de policías y militares

QUITO (Reuters) - Ecuador se recuperaba el viernes de la crisis desatada por una sublevación de policías que agredieron al presidente Rafael Correa y lo mantuvieron confinado en un hospital por horas el día anterior, hasta que militares lo rescataron a fuerza de balazos. Correa salió triunfante de la situación en la noche del jueves, pero todavía enfrenta una lucha política para impulsar las medidas de austeridad que despertaron el descontento de los policías sublevados.

La protesta buscaba frenar un plan del Gobierno que le quitaba beneficios económicos como los bonos a las fuerzas de seguridad, pero todo se salió de control, según analistas. Correa asegura que fue una excusa para dar un golpe de Estado.

Mientras los negocios levantaban el viernes sus



El presidente de Ecuador, Rafael Correa, habla desde un balcón del Palacio Carondelet ante cientos de simpatizantes reunidos para saludarlo en Quito. Sep 30, 2010. REUTERS/Guillermo Granja

persianas en la capital Quito, militares vigilaban el Palacio de Gobierno y se veía poca gente en las calles, según testigos de Reuters. Después de la jornada de caos, el comandante de la policía, Freddy Martínez, anunció el viernes su renuncia por no haber podido controlar a su fuerza. "Un comandante irrespetado, un comandante maltratado, agredido por sus subalternos, no puede quedarse al frente de ellos", dijo el jefe policial. Pero antes de despedirse, pidió al mandatario que revise la ley que detonó la protesta y hundió al país en una jornada de caos que mantuvo en vilo a toda la región. Correa dijo que no habría perdón para los involucrados en la revuelta, que comenzó cuando policías tomaron el mayor cuartel de la capital en protesta por la ley de austeridad. □

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